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SAD 44 considers security advisor

By ALISON ALOISIO

In the wake of the killings last week at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., SAD 44 may hire a consultant to advise on possible security improvements in the district, Supt. Dave Murphy told the School Board Monday.

"We want to acknowledge the terrible tragedy that happened in Newtown, Conn., last Friday," he said. "One of the things that we're doing internally is carefully evaluating that whole process, to see what pieces of it we might be able to take away to better work on our security here."

"I've had a conversation today with a consultant about the possibility of having him come in and work with us to see if there are other things we can do from a facilities point of view, and a training point of view, to make sure we're on top of every possibility that we could look at."

"And I think as was stated - I think all of you watched TV, read the papers and so on - you know

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Charges against Savage dropped

By TONY REAVES
Sun Media Wire

The District Attorney's Office has dismissed charges against a Bethel businessman after an argument outside a Bethel Board of Selectmen meeting in May.

Rick A. Savage Sr., of Intervale Road, was arrested in May after an argument with Peter Mason, the husband of Bethel Town Clerk Christen Mason, who was upset because Savage had called their home about a petition to remove the town's sign ordinance. Savage was charged with disorderly conduct and refusing to submit to arrest.

A memorandum from Assistant District Attorney Richard Beauchesne explained the reason for dismissing each charge. The first disorderly conduct charge alleged that Savage taunted Mason and backed him over a fence, but Mason didn't include that in his testimony.

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Christmas in the village



A portion of John Walker's ceramic village in the window of Wild River Realty in Bethel.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

By ALISON ALOISIO

When John Walker of Bethel was little, he saw a small, ceramic village sitting on a counter at his house.

"There were about 10 pieces, and I thought, 'That's cool,'" said John, now a freshman at Telstar High School.

A hobby was born. John began tagging along to yard sales, where he would buy ceramic buildings and people, mostly with a Christmas theme, for 50 cents or a dollar each.

"He'd put them up with our Christmas decorations," said his mom, Tracy.

Then after Christmas, she said, John would take his gift money and buy more things on clearance sales.

He began expanding his purchases to larger lawn decorations, and soon the Walker's Bethel lawn would be decorated every Halloween and Christmas.

For Halloween, said John, "I had a little miniature graveyard."

He now has items for every major holiday. He keeps them organized in tote bags in an older house the family still owns.

"I have a room for every holiday," he said.

Tracy wonders what will happen when John leaves

home.

"I can't imagine what his house will look like," she laughed.

John also gets contributions to his collection from families and friends. "My family will pick up anything they see," he said.

And last year Kristen Mason of Bethel gave him a set of lawn reindeer that had belonged to her late father.

Tracy thinks there may be a genetic predisposition for John's collecting habit.

The original ceramic village belonged to her father. "My father was a holiday nut," she said. "He had a village under the

Christmas tree."

Her father died when she was only 9, so John never knew him. But Tracy recognizes the similarity.

This year, the Christmas decorating bug struck John on Thanksgiving.

"I was trying to get Thanksgiving dinner," said Tracy. "He tried to get the crate out to decorate the tree. I told him he had to wait until we got done with dinner."

Sometimes John's friends get drawn in to his projects.

"He tries to sucker them into helping," Tracy said. John's collection of ceramic houses now numbers about 75. It's big

enough that it no longer fits on their porch, where it's normally displayed.

Tracy mentioned this to a Telstar teacher, who said that the Wild River Realty on Main Street in Bethel was looking for art to display in the windows.

Owner Bob Laux was contacted, and after seeing a photo of John's display, agreed to host it, she said.

The softly-lit, old-time buildings in a snowy scene provide the setting for "people" going about their Christmas business dressed in 19th-century clothing. Santa Claus stands in front of the largest building - which came

See JOHN, Page 5

Skiway eyes options for more snowmaking water

By ALISON ALOISIO

Sunday River Ski Resort has a battle plan for a warming climate: make snow - lots of it - when the temperatures cooperate.

The resort has already improved its snowmaking efficiency this year with the addition of 300 new snow guns that convert more water to snow while using less electricity. More guns will likely be added in coming years as part of a five-year improvement plan.

But there's another key component to winning the winter.

"As it gets warmer, and as the cold nights and cold windows get shorter and smaller, we need to be able to pump more water during those times," said Brent Larson, vice president of mountain operations. "That's going to be the key to our future."

Larson, Energy Manager Bill Brown and Director of Communications Darcy Morse talked to the Citi-

zen recently about the resort's snowmaking strategy for the future.

Morse said a consultant hired this summer evaluated the existing infrastructure to determine how to best improve the mountain's ability to pump water.

She said there are two options: increase the size of the pipe that carries water from the snowmaking pond near the Sunday River, or build a new pond in the Jordan Bowl area of

the resort.

Currently, she said, "We're pumping water from Barker Mountain up and over and up and over (to Aurora and Jordan Bowl), but the line is full."

It's full at a capacity of 8,000 gallons a minute. In addition, the capacity of the booster pump that pumps water to the Jordan area is limited to 3,200 gallons per minute.

A new pond would allow the resort to convert 8,000 gallons per minute of wa-

ter to snow on the Barker/Southridge side of the mountain, and run Jordan and Aurora at whatever rate they decide to build to, Brown said.

If they decide a new snowmaking pond is the best option, it would likely be seven to 10 acres in size. The pond would be filled with water pumped up from the Barker area when the weather is too warm for snowmaking.

Then, when it's cold, See SKIWAY, Page 4

Dog park debate goes to Bethel Planning Board

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Bethel Planning Board last week heard from snowmobilers concerned about a proposed new dog park in a "major intersection" of their trails.

But they also heard from supporters who say the park could be a benefit to dogs, people and the local economy.

Steve Wight of Newry, who was authorized by Town Manager Jim Doar as the agent to present the plan on behalf of the committee that has been working on the project, described details to the planners.

The one-acre, fenced in area next to the Pathway would be located on land that became town proper-

ty as part of the Bethel Station project, he said. As a result the application is an amendment to that site plan.

The park, behind Dunkin Donuts, would be accessed about 75 feet down the Pathway from Route 2.

Containers would be placed in the park for disposal of dog waste, and they would be emptied

by the committee, Wight said. The ground would be covered with wood chips. Any liability for dog bites, etc. "is a civil situation between the owners," said Wight. "There is no more liability than if you walked your dog on the Pathway."

To use the park in winter, an existing snowmobile trail would have to be

rerouted around the park. The facility would be a town project, but would be privately funded, similar to the skatepark at the other end of the Pathway, said Wight.

After Wight's presentation, planners heard from the public.

David Crockett, president of the Bethel Snow See DOG PARK, Page 3

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Letters

CALL FOR THE LIVING NATIVITY To the Editor:

It is that time of the year again in which we as a community celebrate the Christmas season in many ways—Country Christmas in Bethel, school programs, church services, caroling, business and family open houses, and the annual Living Nativity, presented on the Common by the people of the community. It is a wonderful opportunity that this community still affords itself, to quietly remember the foundational meaning of Christmas amidst all the hustle and bustle of everything else that has become part of the celebration. How refreshing! How appropriate. What a joyful thing to gather the community around for at this special season of the year.

So, this is the annual call to all who would like to get involved in the presentation again (or for the first time) this year. It takes a lot of people to pull it off, as we would like to include everyone. We need shepherds, wise men, angels (big and small) and others who can work together with others to fill the cast. We also need community choir members who will sing in the gazebo. Finally, we are also in need of animals (the four-legged kind), sheep, goats, cows or any farm animals. If anyone would like to be involved at any of these levels, preparation will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23, at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. So, come, don a costume, grab a shepherd's staff, put on a king's crown, or grow some angel wings and a halo (if for but a short time). We also need a crowd to watch, listen and sing, so come and be part of this special community expression Christmas celebration. The presentation will begin at 5 p.m. on the common, next to the gazebo.

If anyone has questions, or would like to let us know of willingness to help in advance, please call (or leave a message) at 824-2289, Bethel Alliance Church. We'll see everyone on the Bethel Common on the 23rd. Merry Christmas!

For more information, call me at 824-2715 or Nancy Bellinger at 824-4567.

*Drew Webster
Chair, Living Nativity*

NORDIC SKI PASS HISTORY

To the Editor:

The Citizen's Dec. 6 article about Bethel area Nordic ski centers to offer combined pass by Alison Aloisio recalls the much broader but similar program named Ski Tour the White Mountains. This early 1980's plan came from touring centers suffering serious snow shortages during the 1979-1983 era. Bethel ski touring got good name recognition from its White Mountains connection.

I believe the idea came from the head of Jackson New Hampshire's ski touring foundation whose name I don't remember. Jackson's trails connected a number of lodging places. Ski Tour the White Mountains members were ski touring centers at The Bethel Inn, Sunday River Inn, Jackson, NH; the Balsams, Bretton Woods and Waterville Valley. A ski around ticket could be purchased at any one of the participating centers that would then allow ticket holders to ski where the snow was best.

This co-op had its own logo which was Ski Tour the White Mountains—blue letters on white. Citizen Printers produced envelopes and letterhead stationery used in sending out news releases to New England newspapers. News about the program told of the participating members, the ski around ticket deal and updates on ski conditions in each area.

News releases went to both the sports and travel editors of over 50 newspapers. (Maybe this was how Bernie Wideman learned about the Citizen.) At first the newsletters were printed at the Citizen but I think later they were done by stencil on letterhead paper. Expenses for the association were low and consisted mainly of postage, printing, stationery and tickets with the rest done by volunteers. During the first year of the project, we had a Danish girl staying with us and attending Telstar Middle School. She and our daughter helped stuff envelopes.

*Donald G. Bennett
Bethel*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To the Editor:

To the citizens of Bethel: As the new year approaches, are you making resolutions? Perhaps one of them might be to do something for this wonderful community in which we live!

One of the responsibilities of a good citizen is to help to manage the resources of the community in which he or she lives. In that spirit, I am inviting anyone who values the natural resources of Bethel to consider serving on the Conservation Commission.

This Commission carries out activities and serves as the advisory body for the protection, development and use of natural resources located within the town boundaries. It has specific responsibility, among other things, for the Town Forest Management Plan, street tree monitoring, maintaining the Mt. Will trail, and offering advice regarding plantings that the town has to do. The Commission meets once a month at the Town Office, usually the second Monday, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Citizens are appointed to the Commission by the Selectmen for three-year terms and application forms are available at the Town Office. If you have questions about the Commission's work, please call Jackie Cressy (824-0508).

Please give serious consideration to serving your community in this capacity.

*Jacquelyn Cressy
Bethel Conservation Commission*

Savage

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ny, stating only that Savage "started getting loud."

For the second disorderly conduct charge, alleging "loud and unreasonable noise," Beauchesne wrote there wasn't sufficient evidence that Savage annoyed others.

For the resisting arrest charge, Savage's actions while Deputy Matthew Noyes was arresting him were "if at all, barely sufficient to meet the requirements of the statute," the memorandum read.

The memorandum, dated Nov. 15, was written the day after Savage waived a jury trial for the charges in Oxford County Superior Court.

Savage, who runs several contracting and real estate businesses with his brother, Ron Savage, as well as the Black Diamond Steakhouse, said the charges were trumped up. He said that many in the town want to quiet he and his brother.

"The town has been corrupt for a long time, and we've been calling them out, and this is how they come back on us," Savage said Monday.

"We don't mind raising our voice when there's a problem," he said. "And there's been a problem for a long time."

Savage and his brother

had been unsuccessful in getting permission from the town to set up directional signs pointing the way to the Black Diamond Steakhouse on the Sunday River access road.

He proposed a change that would direct people to other businesses on the access road.

"It was a perfectly reasonable change to the ordinance," Town Manager Jim Doar said.

However, the ordinance review committee decided that while it was a good solution for Sunday River road businesses, it wouldn't fit the whole town.

Savage and his brother then collected more than 130 signatures for a petition to eliminate the town's sign ordinance. The issue would have been voted on at the June town meeting.

Doar said the petition didn't arrive on time and wasn't specific enough.

Savage called the home of the town clerk and sent someone to Doar's home with additional signatures, which Doar later called "completely inappropriate and a little unnerving."

Doar said there was opposition to repealing the ordinance, and instead of putting the question to a

town meeting vote, voters were asked to appropriate \$10,000 to hire a consultant and started a special committee to look into options on changing the sign ordinance.

Savage said that's not enough. "The bottom line is this: It's not what the will of the people wanted on the petition." He called Doar and the Board of Selectmen "corrupt."

"He's corrupt and he's a liar," Savage said of Doar on Monday.

"I won't even justify that with a response," Doar said of Savage's statement.

Savage has since had other problems with the town's sign ordinance. He said a trailer parked by the road at his mother's house had the name and address of the Black Diamond Steakhouse and that he was forced to remove the address.

In October, he was told to remove the word "steakhouse" from signs for a farm stand at the Black Diamond Steakhouse. Signs for farm stands are exempt from the ordinance in the fall, and Savage had put up signs for the "Black Diamond Steakhouse Farm Stand," but the town determined that the sign was also advertising his restaurant in violation of the ordinance.

Celladore

'How do you like the climate?'

Not till after World War II when we came back to live here had we been any place with rip-roaring storms. The impact of most experiences viewed from the vantage point of age is often dwarfed, but the noise and flashes seemed more awesome now than they did in my childhood. Memories of bombings were awakened and the end of the storm was welcome. We had a few violent storms here, man impotent against nature.

We were eating lunch in the kitchen one noon. Came a black cloud and rain; we started up to close windows and doors. Kristie came flying around the end of the house and into the sheltered south corner. She was not at all afraid of lightning. Often we had seen her during a flash placidly grazing and not lifting her head. She, who never came within six feet of an electric fence, had flown to us for help. B.B. ran for her halter and led her into the barn. She calmed at once when she saw him, having always associated only good things with man. By the time we had closed all the doors, the storm was over, going as quickly as it had come. We went to see what had startled Kristie.

The trunk of one of our fence-row maples was black; all the bark had been burned off. We had to cut it down. The northwest section of the electric wire fence had vanished. We found a few scraps of it here and there in the grass no larger than a corkscrew bottle opener. The outside telephone box had been blasted into the air and was up under the French prune plum tree. Not serious damage at all. "But why did it have to hit the red maple?" I moaned.

"Be glad that it didn't hit Kristie or the house," said B.B.

On an anniversary of D Day, never forgotten in this household as B.B. had gone in with the first wave of troops that morning, we had another severe storm. Rain started mildly in mid afternoon. I put the tubs out to collect water. The rain came down harder. I went out and put baskets over newly-transplanted petunia seedlings in the black tub by the pumphouse. Hailstones as big as marbles hurled down. Rain again. From six o'clock until nine was a continuous thunderstorm. After the first half hour, there seemed to be no place in the house to sit down where the lightning did not seem to be coming through the windows directly at you. I wandered about from room to room, never finding a haven except halfway up the stairs. By eight o'clock I decided it would never end. Some whim made me afraid to light the gas stove so I lit a candle and fixed a cold supper. Just as we were sitting down, several claps of thunder and flashes of lightning coming simultaneously were terrifying. I was sure we would go up in flame each time and be off on the devil's broomstick. At eight-thirty B.B. announced that, storm or no storm he was going to town for his "New York Sunday Times" which came on Monday except during July and August. "You'll find me dead and the house burned flat when you get back," I protested, "and a tree will fall on the truck and kill you as you drive down the narrow road." But he went. He was soon back, the stores were closed, there had been no electricity on in town since six o'clock. Everyone was a bit scared. By ten o'clock the storm was waning, the thunder dimmer, the lightning farther away in wavering horizontals in place of the vertical zigzag stabs. We went to bed.

In the morning we found that the truck had been hit and the windshield wipers burned out. Bricks had toppled from the kitchen chimney and were strewn about the yard. We were in an exposed place in an open field on this hilltop. Maybe someday we would be fatally struck but anything could happen to anybody anywhere so why live in fear. I remembered that years ago when home for a week, I was sitting on the side steps at Brick End in a very mild shower. T.R. came racing out of his house, jumped into the truck waving for me to come. I ran to join him. The Abbott house on Swan Hill on the opposite end of the mountain from Celladore had been struck. All the neighbors were racing to help save what they could from the burning buildings. This was on a Fourth of July. I told B.B. we were safe; it was only on holidays that harm might come.

A few years later he came in from cruising a part of the woodlot where we almost never went. He had found a small section where seven trees were all dying from having the bark burned black. This might be a focal point of attraction, maybe underground there was a strong vein of water. Maybe this was what saved us. This was one of the few times when it would have been fun to have been rich; to have drilled for water there and discovered what was underground.

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Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Bethel Senior Citizens Club held their Christmas Party at the Bethel Inn with 58 members present.

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Gospel Singer Cynthia Libby was held at Sunday River's Barker Base Lodge.

Deaths: Donald R. Stanley, Caitlin Davis Bernier, Tony Montanaro, Augusta B. Yates, Florine E. Bowden.

20 years ago: A transformer failure at CMP's Bethel substation knocked out electrical power for an estimated 2,400 Bethel area customers.

A late night fire destroyed the Main Street buildings occupied by Kennett Realty, the Frame 'n Art Shop, Hometown Bakery, Sue Farrar's Dance Studio and three apartments.

Deaths: Christen J. Angvine, Clifford M. Akers, Edith M. Danforth, Eva Saunders, William A. Ripley, James F. Farrar.

30 years ago: Bernice and Richard Hoisington and daughter Molly portrayed the Holy Family in Bethel's Living Nativity.

Pleasant Valley Grange entertained 116 at a Christmas party. **Birth:** Eric Joseph Swasey.

Deaths: Rodney R. Brown, Martin W. Colby.

40 years ago: Portions of Telstar's Christmas concert were presented as part of the "Christmas at Home" program on WRUM radio Christmas afternoon.

Mrs. Burgess' fifth-grade class presented "A Christmas Carol."

Birth: Timothy Michael Chapman.

Deaths: Guy S. Patterson, Earle W. Edwards, Mrs. Ella A. Young.

50 years ago: The East Bethel Primary School had a Christmas party and program.

A group of Andover High Glee Club members presented a program at the Eastern Star meeting at Rumford.

Birth: Douglass Sherman Greenleaf.

Deaths: Mrs. Josephine Leighton Cole, Winfield Churchill, Mrs. Marjorie Hanson, Barnes H. Walker.

60 years ago: New boxes with combination locks were installed at the Bethel post office.

The new Stanley Hockey Arena at Hebron Academy was nearly completed.

Birth: Martha Lynn Lipitt.

70 years ago: Holiday decorations in public places were banned unless chemically treated so they would not constitute a fire hazard.

The William Rogers Chapman music club was formed at Gould Academy.

80 years ago: Miss Margaret Carter was singing in the devotional services of the Radio Parish, Portland. Albert S. Grover was awarded the "Silver Star" by the War Department for gallantry in action in the Meuse-Argonne drive during World War I.

Deaths: Albert Small, Albert H. Heath, Mrs. Oscar S. Dyke, Howard Coburn.

90 years ago: Miss Cleo Russell received appointment as postmaster of the Bethel post office.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company opened a store in the Naimey Block.

Death: Elisha C. Sloan.

100 years ago: H. A. Packard sold his house and undertaking business to Fred J. Tibbetts of Center Hall, Penn.

Irving L. Carver removed the sign of Edwin C. Rowe on his store and replaced it with one bearing his own name.

Death: Hiram R. Hubbard.

110 years ago: The Curtis house at the corner of Railroad and Mechanic streets was sold to William O. Straw of Greene, Mont.

The ferry boat at Northwest Bethel was ice-bound in the middle of the river.

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Over objections, Bethel Planning Board approves cell tower permit extension

By ALISON ALOISIO

Andrew Glasfeld, chairman of the Bethel Planning Board, opposed the approval last week of a permit extension on a 2006 plan for a 160-foot cell tower in West Bethel.

But he didn't oppose it as a planner — he opposed it as a neighbor.

Global Tower Partners, LLC applied for the extension of the expiring permit this fall, in order to erect the tower on John Evans' property off Route 2.

The site is located near the Westwood Road, but Glasfeld said that a recent nine-acre clearcut downslope of the potential tower site is now visible from the North Road, across the Androscoggin River.

In a letter to the board, he said the tree cutting qualifies as a significant change to the site area, and therefore planners should require a new application instead of just an extension on the existing permit.

"While site plan extensions require no public notice be given and no public hearings held, only through full site plan review will all of the people of Bethel be given the opportunity to be informed of and respond to this application," Glasfeld wrote. "The only reason why the board has heard any opposition to this project is because one of the opposition happens to sit on the board."

He also said an extension does not require notification of abutters.

Tree heights

The original permit, said Glasfeld, stated the tower could not reach

more than 85 feet above the surrounding trees, implying there had been 75-foot trees in 2006.

But a recent site walk by the board determined "the trees that remain on this site fall well short of 75 feet," he said.

Glasfeld said another portion of the board's site walk "demonstrated a clean view of the clearcut site from several properties on the North Road."

He stepped down from the board for last week's consideration of the extension.

Several other neighbors also attended the meeting and voiced their concerns and desire for a full review. John DeVivo of Westwood Road said that to his knowledge, he was never notified of the original application.

Blaine Hopkins, representing Global, said that in the uncut area surrounding the proposed tower site, the distance from the center of the tower site to the edge of uncut vegetation is 279 feet.

The total uncut area around the tower is 8.8 acres, he said. A 100-by-100-foot area would be cut from that for the tower itself, said Hopkins.

As for the visual impact of the tower, he said, "I think you got a good sense of the visibility of this tower as you rode around. It's not very visible."

He also said the tower would not need to be lighted.

If the board did not grant the extension and he came back with a reapplication, "there's nothing we could do any different than what we have right here."

Hopkins said there is now a need for a new tower in this area.

"It gives us an opportunity to provide multiple service for multiple carriers. It will reach all-way into the edge of town."

He noted he had seen many Gould Academy students outside on their phones when he drove through town, and that more cell carrying capacity is needed.

If the extension were approved, he said, he would get the permit and "this would be probably be done within six to eight weeks."

The tower could have between four and six cell phone carriers.

In discussion by the board, Vice Chairman Richard Blanco said the ordinance requires that if significant change occurs to the site and its environment that the board must evaluate an application for renewal of the permit to determine if an entirely new application is necessary.

But, he added, a conditional extension may be granted if board determines that changes do not necessitate a new application.

Planner Jon Cowan did not see a need for a new application.

"I'm thinking that there hasn't been significant change to the site they're proposing for the tower," he said.

Planner Ginger Kelly said abutters had been worried about the possibility of runoff from the area of the clearcut damaging the Westwood Road, but a stormwater management plan had been created to address that.

Planner Mark Godomsky did not see a change in visual impact.

"The clearcut has nothing to do with the tower," he said. "No matter where you are in the town of Bethel you will see the tower at the same elevation that you would with or without the clearcut. It will have the same canopy behind. There is no increased visibility than the original tower."

Regarding the need for a new tower, Kelly said a West Bethel motel owner had told her there was no cell service in that area and that it was detrimental to business.

The board eventually unanimously approved the extension for one year, with conditions that include: all new utilities will be underground; the company must comply with the stormwater plan prepared for the project; the tower must be completed within one year; and no trees will be cut within the 8.8 forested acres surrounding the site, other than for the tower itself.

Dog park

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Twisters snowmobile club, said anyone who has been in the area of the site "would realize how many sleds go through there on a Saturday or Sunday. It's a huge intersection," he said.

Snowmobilers go through the area to access the bridge across the Androscoggin River, as well as trails in West Bethel.

He also questioned whether there would be no increased insurance costs to the town.

"I'm on the Budget Committee, and it seems like liability every year takes a big jump. In theory you may say it doesn't cost more, but when you add up all of these liabilities, somebody is going to be paying for the extra insurance. The taxpayers keep swallowing more and more liability on this."

He cited the Pathway and the skatepark as other examples of such projects.

Rick Young of Greenstock Snow Sports, which maintains the snowmobile trail, said he was concerned about the effect of running grooming machines along a rerouted trail that would pass over the Bethel sewer pipe for about 80 feet. He said the groomers might force the frostline deeper into the ground and possibly freeze

the pipe. On the other side of the issue, several dog owners spoke in favor of the socialization value — for both dogs and people — of having a park.

And committee member Nancy Brown said having the park could help in drawing tourists to the area. She said it would add to the dog-friendly atmosphere promoted by area hotels and other businesses.

The board needs more information from the committee before the application will be complete. They decided to schedule a site walk of the area for Jan. 7 at 3 p.m., and will take the park up again at the next board meeting, on Jan. 9.

(For a photo of the proposed dog park area, see Page 6.)

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Skiway

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"We'd pump water and make snow for Aurora and Jordan Bowl, and make it at Barker," said Larson. "When it's warmer, we shut the system down and refill the pond, from the river, through the Barker pumphouse."

In the fight against climate change, said Brown, "there's a huge relationship between quantity and quality. There's not much you can do if a rainstorm comes through this time of year, but if you've got enough quantity out there, the groomers can repair it and we keep moving forward."

New technology

The new snow guns have had a significant effect on the early weeks of the ski season this year, Larson said. "There's more terrain, and more snow on that terrain, than there would be if we didn't have this system."

And it comes at a cheaper price. "We're not only pumping all our water, we're not running all our air compressors," he said.

"We use significantly less compressed air," said Brown. "We used to use two times the electricity to compress air as we used to pump water. Now it's one-to-one, and when it gets cold, it's less than that. In 1995, with the temperature in the low 20s, we were able to pump 4,000 gallons a minute with 54,000 cubic feet of compressed air. Now we can pump 8,000 gallons a minute, using 36,000 cubic feet of air. We've doubled our water and cut the air usage by one-third."

The new technology utilizes variable flow guns. Snowmakers can cut down on the compressed air used in the guns even as they are running, if the temperature drops.

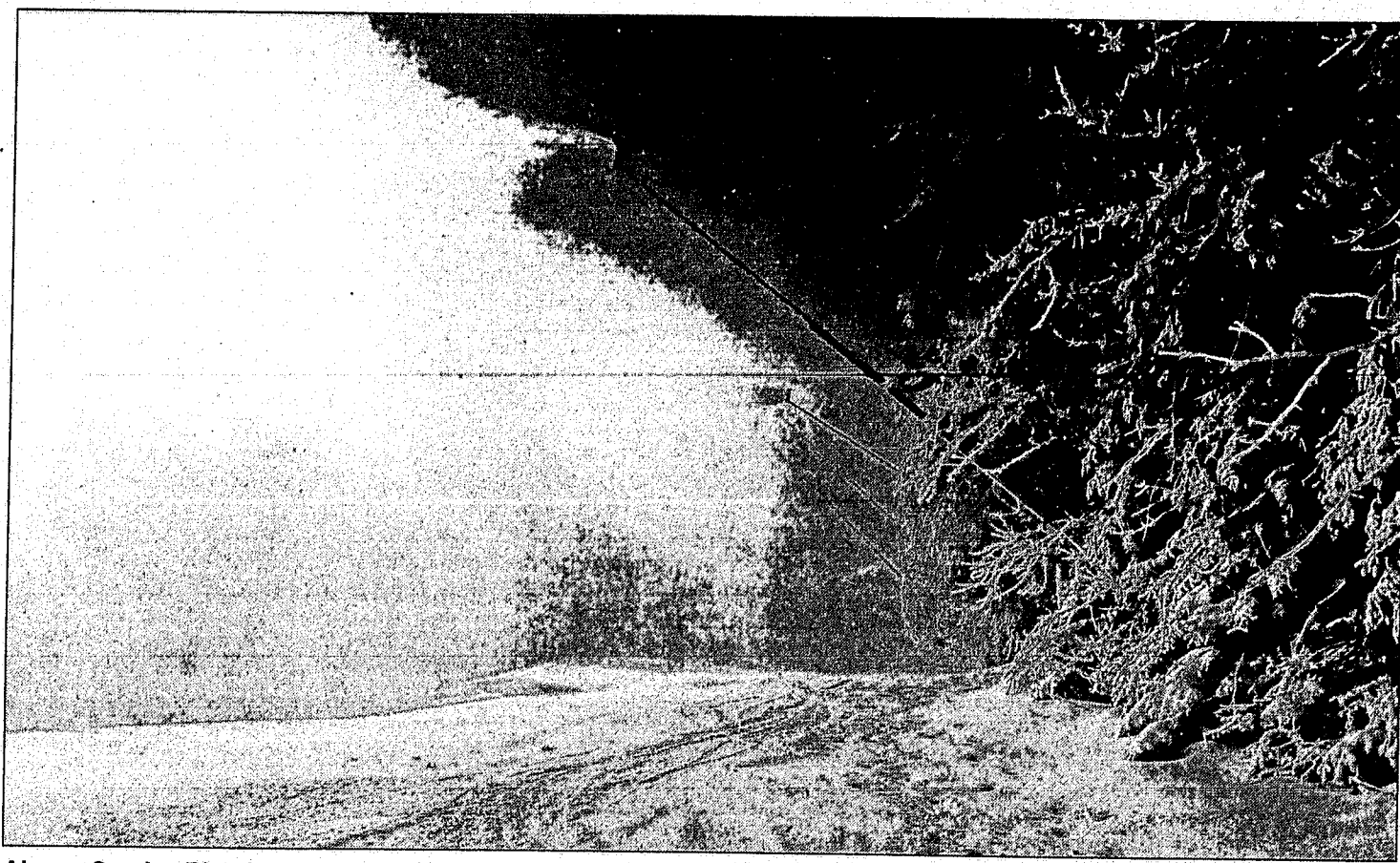
The newer guns are on the trails that open the earliest, so there's a big improvement in efficiency in the marginal snowmaking temperatures in November and December.

Marginal temperatures are 20 to 28 degrees, Brown said. Ideal snowmaking temperatures are 5 to 15 degrees.

Below 5, he said, the problem is freezeups – for both the equipment and the human snowmakers.

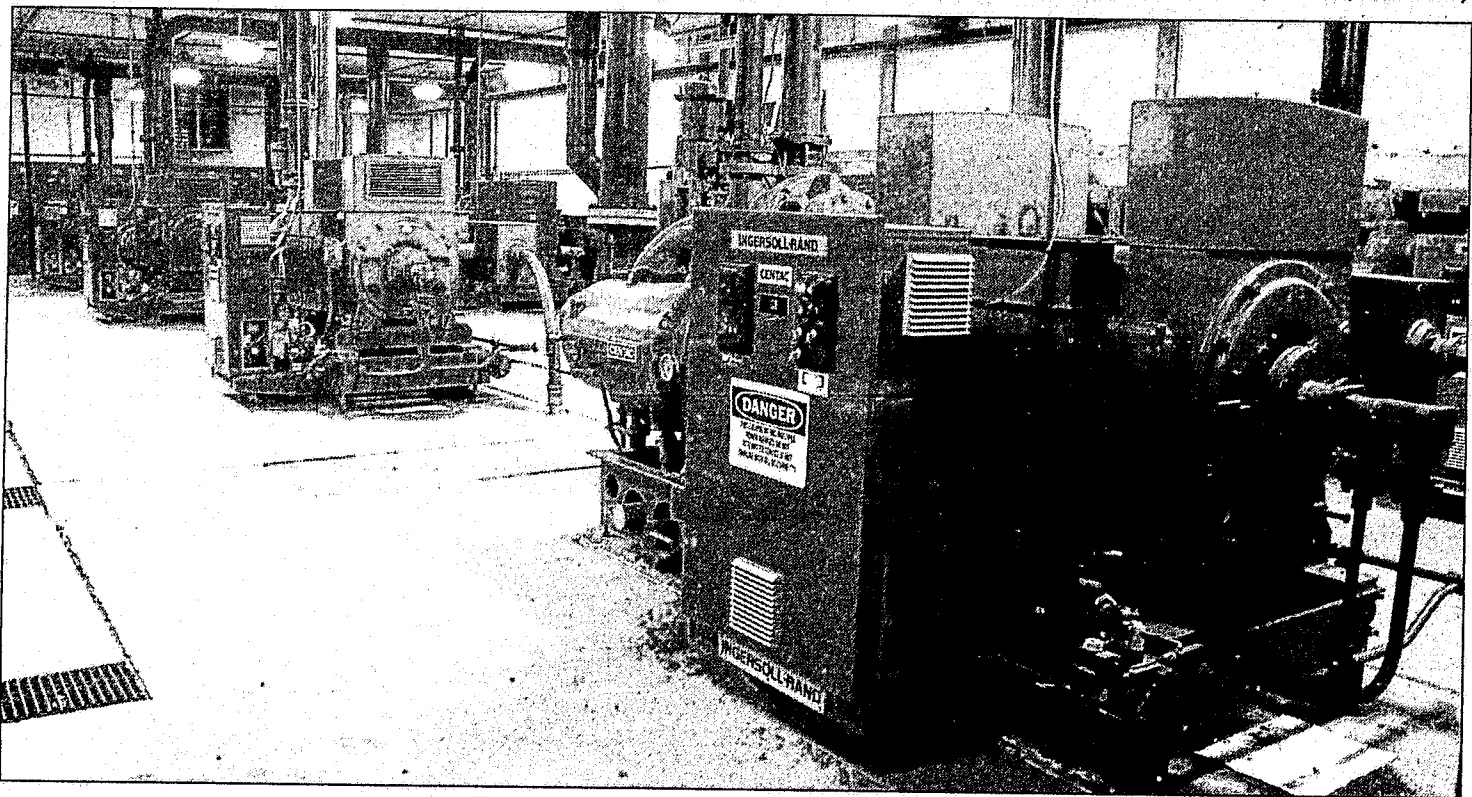
Morse said that while other ski areas are also adding the more efficient snow guns, "I think we're still ahead. We're pretty aggressive about when we choose to make snow, and for how long. Most areas can't pay for pumping out as much as we do, and they can't make it when we do."

(Note: The writer is married to Sunday River engineer Joe Aloisio.)



Above: Sunday River's new, more efficient snow guns. Below: Air compressors in the "Snowflake Factory."

(Photos: top, Sunday River; bottom, A. Aloisio)



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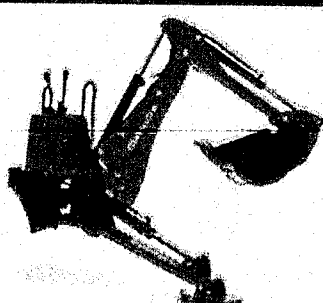
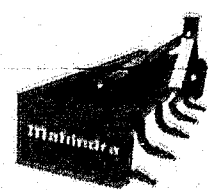
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John

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from the original 10-piece village belonging to John's grandfather.

"I said, 'That's got to go in the window,'" John said.

The teen's artistic talents extend beyond setting up ceramics and lawn decorations. He won the "Best in Show" award in this year's photography contest at the Andover Olde Home Days. He photographed an old wagon he saw on a lawn during autumn, with foliage in the

background and lit by late-day sun.

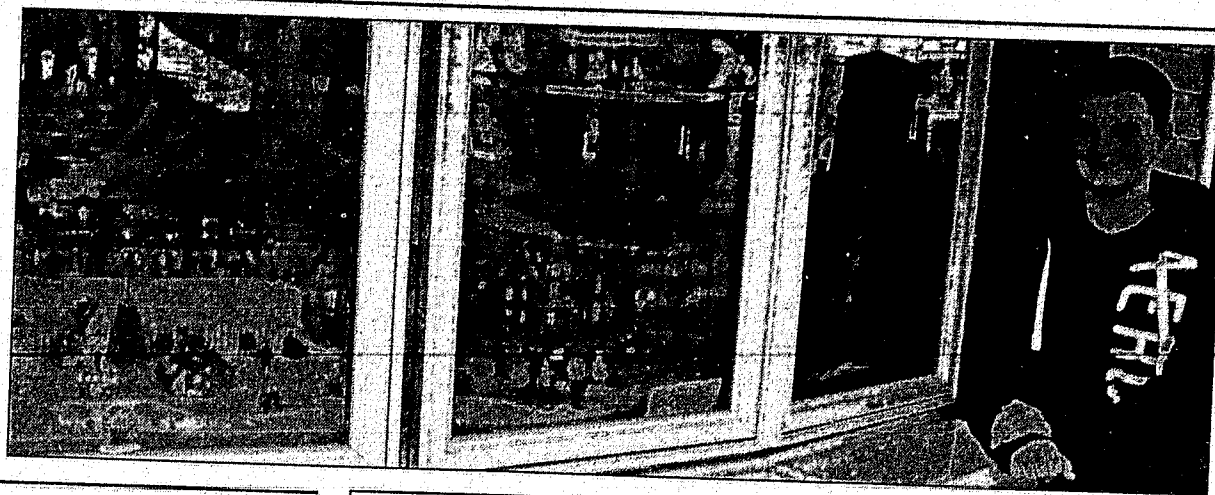
Tracy said John also has an eye for larger decor arrangements.

"He's always been good at telling me how to rearrange a room," she said.

John says he doesn't know yet what career path might interest him in the future.

But the answer he gave for his fifth-grade yearbook?

Interior designer.



John Walker outside his window display at Wild River Realty. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

SAD 44

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schools were never designed to be fortresses, but having said that we also need to understand that there are some steps that we need to take and we need to look at," he said.

"I think part of the good news that came out of that was that the folks in that building seemed to be pretty well trained, and we've had some great opportunities for training as well, but we're going to be examining this closely to see if we can do some things better.

"But certainly our hearts go out to all the folks who were impacted by that. A horrible tragedy."

Officers in schools, voting at CPS

Murphy was asked later if improvements might include the hiring of police or school resource officers for schools - a topic that was discussed several years ago in SAD 44 but not pursued.

He said there have been no specific discussions yet about putting such officers in schools. But he said he wondered if the national conversation on the topic might possibly lead to some sort of government funding for it in the future.

Murphy was also asked about concerns among some local residents regarding the security of holding Bethel's Election Day votes at the Crescent Park Elementary School while school is in session.

"That's a legitimate question," he said. "It may be part of the conversation that we have to have."

Telstar project

In other business Mon-

day, the School Board authorized the voter-approved \$2.5 million air quality and energy conservation project at the Telstar complex by approving the issuance of up to \$1.3 million in General Obligation Qualified School Construction Bonds, and the expenditure of the remaining amount from the district's Capital Reserve Fund.

The 20-year bond was awarded to Norway Savings Bank, Murphy said. Annual payments will be approximately \$65,000.

As for the interest rate, he said, "This proposal came in at .35 percent above whatever the fixed daily federal rate is." He said that for example, the rate that day was 4.28 percent, making the total 4.63 percent. But the rate for the district would be capped at 4.75 percent.

Although SAD 44 would have to pay the total rate initially, "we then submit paperwork to the IRS and get it all back except the .35 percent," he said.

The improvement work was awarded to Honeywell, which has been doing consulting work for the district throughout the process leading to the November referendum. Preliminary work is expected to begin in January, working around the school schedule. Most work will take place during the summer and be completed by the start of next school year, Murphy said.

Budget issues
Murphy also updated the board on financial circumstances at the state and federal level that could af-

fect the school budget. In anticipation of a \$35 million budget curtailment order expected soon from the state, Murphy last Friday ordered a freeze on non-essential purchases in the current school budget.

The district will also follow state efforts to make up shortfalls in the Maine Department of Health and Human Services budget, he said.

And finally, at the federal level the possibility of sequestration (the "fiscal cliff") at the federal budget level could mean the possible loss of more than 8 percent in federal funding of programs such as Title I and local school entitlement programs, including special education, for next school year.

In personnel issues, the board set stipend rates for the district's teaching principals based on a step format. Teaching principals with up to four years experience will receive \$10,000 a year for the administrative portion of their duties; five to nine years of experience, \$13,000; and more than nine years, \$14,000.

Directors also approved a 1.75 percent pay increase for the current year for Adult Education Director Jean Waite.

OCSD Patrol Log

Welcome to Maine

On Dec. 16 at 7:08 p.m. a driver from Virginia lost control on Route 2 in Gilead and the vehicle left the road, striking a "Welcome to Maine" sign. The driver was uninjured.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

At 5:49 p.m. a complainant reported that while driving on Church Street in Bethel an unknown person had thrown an object at the vehicle, striking the driver's side door. Cpl. George Cayer responded. According to the complainant some subjects were arguing in the dooryard and it was possible an item was thrown at another person and accidentally hit her vehicle.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

At 8:17 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland and Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to Mayville in Bethel for a report of a possible altercation. On arrival it was learned it was only a verbal dispute, and no crime was committed.

Thursday, Dec. 13

At 5:31 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Railroad Street in Bethel for a report of a gas driveoff. The vehicle owners were contacted and planned to take care of the bill.

At 9:51 a.m. a Bethel caller requested a call from a deputy regarding harassment issues. Deputy Josh Wyman was assigned.

At 11:35 p.m. the Norway Police Department reported an injured person at the hospital who may have been involved in a crash in the Bethel area. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo and Sgt. Tim Ontengco were assigned.

Friday, Dec. 15

At 12:48 a.m. a business on Summer Street in Bethel reported the tip jar had been stolen. Deputy Chris Davis was assigned.

At 11:38 a.m. a lodging owner on Mayville Road reported an item that belonged to another Bethel business broken on the complainant's lawn. The case was under investigation by Deputies Sullivan Rizzo and Mike Halacy.

Saturday, Dec. 16

At 2:12 a.m. on Route 2 Deputy Dani Welch arrested Bruce E. Addison, 46, for OUI.

David McKechnie was hired as a permanent math teacher at Telstar Middle School.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



The District Exchange needs donations of winter clothing, especially coats, boots, and snowpants. Now that we have had our first major snowstorm, this need will increase. Whatever you can do to help keep people of all ages warm this winter is greatly appreciated. Donations of gently used clothing can be dropped off at the District Exchange when it is open. No exceptions. The Exchange is located at Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, in Bethel. The hours are Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Clothing can also be dropped off at the Northeast Bank on Main Street in Bethel during business hours. For more information, call 824-4090.

Bethel's Living Nativity is this Sunday, Dec. 23, at 5 p.m. on the Common. This has been an annual tradition in Bethel for almost fifty years. The first Living Nativity Scene on Dec. 20, 1964, had three late afternoon shows and was viewed by nearly 1,000 people. It was filmed and shown on WMTW-TV (Channel 8) on Christmas Eve. In recent years, the audiences have been smaller, but the event is still just as exciting. The Christmas story is read as local people and live animals re-enact the nativity. Everyone is invited to join in the singing of Christmas carols. The Common and the gazebo are already decorated with lighted trees, evergreens, and red ribbons. In the next few days, a stable will be added. This year, it looks like we will have snow for the event, so dress warmly. Have you tried the new-

est restaurant in Bethel? Imman's Diner and Dairy Bar recently opened at 160 West Bethel Road (Route 2), previously the location of Bethel's Best. My friends gave the restaurant rave reviews - especially the lobster roll. On Sunday afternoon, at the beginning of the year's first real snow storm, my mother and I ran in for take-out sandwiches. My test of a restaurant is the quality of their BLT. I give Imman's a thumbs up for theirs. The bread was freshly baked and thickly cut; the sandwich was piled high with perfectly cooked bacon, fresh lettuce and tomato, and just a smear of mayonnaise. The restaurant serves breakfast, appetizers, sandwiches, pizza, and desserts. They also have gift certificates, perfect for holiday gifts.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



During Monday's storm the roads were quite treacherous and hope none had mishaps. Many parents wondered why the kids had school that day.

Last Sunday we celebrated my daughter Samantha's birthday with a nice meal and cake.

Esther Wilson told me that Jackie and Bill had come for the annual Crockett Christmas Party on Saturday. There were about 60 people attending who enjoyed a potluck supper, playing games and chatting. Jackie and Bill returned to Mariaville, Maine on Sunday.

Alder River Grange 145 held a regular meeting on Dec. 14 at Stan Howe's



PROPOSED DOG PARK SITE- A plan to build a one-acre dog park was presented to the Bethel Planning Board last week. The park would be located just off the Bethel Pathway, to the right of the path in this photo. The site is behind Dunkin Donuts/Big Apple on Route 2. (See story, Page 1.) (Photo: A. Aloisio)

home in Bethel. There were eight members present. Cards and gifts were exchanged and a donation made to the Bethel Food Pantry. It was voted on and approved to donate money to Howe's Nurses Scholarship and the Educational Aid Fund. A discussion on holding an East Bethel School Reunion was voted on and approved. The Reunion will be on June 23 at 1 p.m. at the Grange Hall. The next meeting will be Jan. 11 at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street. There will be a supper at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m.

Here is the new Trivia question. At which Town Meeting did voters appropriate \$1,000 and for what purpose? I hope to hear from many. So, please, do call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Sunday afternoon and listening to the weather. It looks like several days of a little bit of everything. The birds at the feeder are quite busy and that usually indicates that a storm is on the way.

My brother, Steve McLain, went to Bethel last Saturday to take a couple of their dogs that needed rabies shots to the

clinic at the Bethel Fire Station.

Hugh and I attended a Christmas Concert at the Ed Fenn School in Gorham, N.H., where our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, is a third grader. The children did a great job singing songs that they have been practicing for the past couple of months.

Luella Cole called with an update on her husband, Danny, who recently had surgery. He is in rehab and is doing well. He is hoping to be home around the end of this month.

Lise McLain attended the Rotary Club dinner at the American Legion Hall in Locke's Mills on Tuesday, Dec. 11. She also attended the Senior Citizen Club dinner at the Bethel Inn on Wednesday, Dec. 12. The 4th and 5th graders from Crescent Park School were invited to sing Christmas songs for the seniors, and they did an excellent job with their singing. Also, some of these students used some musical instruments and played some popular Christmas songs, and also did an excellent job playing those particular instruments. Lise handmade four Christmas necklaces that she donated to the club for fundraising. There were four happy winners. Three of the winners were Rhonda Mitchell, Carol Campbell, and Doris Mills. The name of the other winner is unknown.

denly became quite agitated, so she looked out to see what he saw. There was a Bobcat in her yard. We are thinking that maybe he is looking for a turkey dinner.

Town Office

Due to the fact that Christmas Day and New Years Day fall on Tuesdays this year, the Town Office will be closed on those days. The Town Office will be open Saturday, Dec. 22 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The Transfer Station will be closed on Christmas Day, but will be open 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange met at the hall on Saturday, Dec. 8, for a meeting, Christmas program, and dinner following. A new member was taken in. Program as follows: Song, "Joy to the World"; Reading by Richard Felt; Song, "Jingle Bells"; Exchange of gifts and cards; Music by Richard Felt, Bertha DeHaas and Laura Hutchins; Closing thoughts by Bertha. Next meeting is a potluck lunch on Jan. 5, 10 a.m. at the home of Alice and Ken Hoyt.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, the Rotary Club held a Christmas dinner for seniors at the Legion Hall, Locke's Mills. It was a delicious dinner and music presented by Telstar students was enjoyed. Much thanks to the Bethel Rotary Club.

Tuesday evening, a Plant and Root Maine service was held at the Baptist Church. It was a great service with pastors from several churches attending.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Prayer Meeting. Sunday, Dec. 23 is a candlelight service at 6 p.m.

The Christmas tree on the Common is very pretty with its Christmas lights.

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Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Ladies Aid tentatively plan to resume serving Sunday breakfasts

Dec. 30. I look forward to the food and the opportunity to socialize.

Finally! My snow dances are working! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The Hanover Town Office will be closed all day Dec. 24 and Dec. 25. To celebrate New Years the office will be closed Jan. 1, 2013. We hope everyone will enjoy the holiday season and be sure to stay safe.

Howard Pond is covered with skim ice and depending on weather conditions there may be snow on top. It is neither safe nor wise to venture onto the ice.

Memorial wreaths honoring Veterans have been placed at Hanover Cemetery. A large cemetery stone was moved to a lot in the newer section last Wednesday.

The granite rock was said to weigh 6,000 pounds. It was delivered by Rock of Ages of Vermont and put in place using a crane from Bancroft Corp.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library met Dec. 11 for the monthly trustees' meeting. It was decided not to have regular meetings in January and February unless an issue of importance arises.

Schools are closed during the holiday season. With that in mind please watch for children in the streets trying their Christmas toys. Imagine an excited youngster with a new bike, puppy or sled not noticing passing traffic. Be sure to be aware so everyone will be safe. If there is an emergency in your home, call 911 to get help.

Andover

By JANE RICH



A Memorial Service will be held in remembrance of Jim Bodwell on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. at the Calvary Bible Church with Pastor Ken Wagstaff officiating.

Town residents will be interested in the following announcements: The

Transfer Station will be closed on Christmas Day, but open for an extended hour on Saturday, Dec. 29, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 30, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be regular hours on New Year's Day. The Town Office will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day. The Selectmen's meeting and workshop will be held Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 9 a.m. at the Town Office, and there will be no Selectmen's meeting New Year's week. Be advised of the Town Report deadlines. Citizen and committee generated Warrant Articles or Ordinance proposals need to be submitted to the Selectboard for their consideration and vote on or before Jan. 15. Committee and organization reports must be submitted on or before Jan. 31, 2013. The Selectmen are accepting citizen suggestions for the 2013 Town Report Cover. Please send your photo to the Town Office or via e-mail to: andover@megalink.net.

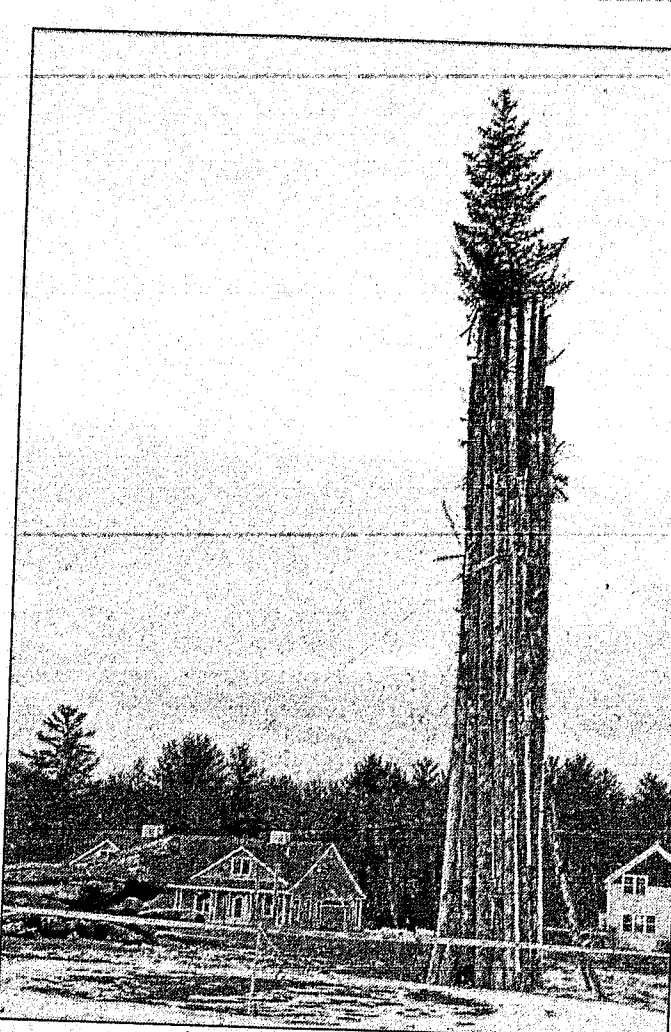
Dog owners are reminded that licenses are due Dec. 31, 2012. A late fee of \$25 per dog will be in effect on Jan. 1. Bring proof of rabies vaccination and neutering or spaying.

Nomination papers for one Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor position and one School Committee person are available at the Town Office beginning Dec. 26.

For those who deal with Cabin Fever or want to get rid of some of the Christmas add-on pounds, the Andover Fitness Club meets on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. at the Andover Elementary School Gym. The programs include Zumba, kick boxing and other cardio workouts. If those times don't work for you, Denise Hurd will be leading the Walk Away the Pounds with Leslie Sanson program Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. It's local and it's free and who can beat that?

Don and Nancy Wardwell wish to thank everyone for the many cards, prayers and words of sympathy shown them because of the tragic death of their dear grandson, Joshua Wardwell. The kindness of the community has meant the world to them.

The Andover Food Pantry distributed Christmas boxes and gifts for area children on Tuesday of this week between the snowflakes. Thanks to all the people who donated to the pantry or who took "stars" from the wreath at



VOLCANO, STEP ONE-The framework for the 2013 Bethel Snow Volcano was put in place last week on "Festival Plaza." A Bancroft Corp. crane with Bill Murphy at the controls lifted a bundle of 40-foot high logs, topped with a 15-foot Christmas tree. Guy wires were attached, and the structure now awaits snow to be trucked in by the Bethel road crew as they clear the streets over upcoming weeks. The snow will be pushed up into a hill surrounding the logs, and area youngsters will be able to slide down it. The logs will be lit on fire in February, producing a "volcano" effect.

the Red Hen or the tree at the First Congregational Church. Because of your generosity there will be lots of smiles on Christmas morning.

The annual Candle Lighting service at the First Congregational Church will take place on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, at 7 p.m. followed by a reception in the CEB. Come sing carols and enjoy this traditional celebration.

The tragedy in Newtown is on everyone's mind and especially difficult to deal with at this season of joy called Christmas. As a nation we need to do something about guns in this country which has the worst record for these kinds of incidents in the world. There's a quote out there that goes something like this: "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to say nothing." We are those good people and we need

to do something about that and many other less than ideal situations in our society.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



All the cemeteries in Greenwood, all 18 of them, will be getting signs come spring. For several years, town officials have wanted to put signs on our cemeteries and, as Town Manager Kim Sparks said, "we finally saved enough money to do that." The signs are professionally done and look good. They'll spend their winter at the town office and, when the snow is gone and the ground has thawed, the town road crew will install them. Eighteen is a lot of cemeteries for a small town, although some of

these are old family graveyards.

If you are wondering what is going on beside the town garage on the Greenwood Road, it is private timber harvesting.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Brad Barker who died last Friday. For many years he and his wife Judy owned and ran Bethel Auto Sales. It began with the sale of a few cars in his front yard and evolved to a good-sized business in West Bethel. Many of us bought used cars from them over the decades. Even after they sold the business, Brad still was an inveterate car shopper. Whenever I needed a "new" vehicle, I'd call him and ask if he wanted to spend the day car shopping with me in Lewiston. He always said yes. Both he and Judy were wonderful friends to my family. We'll miss you, Brad.

The Bethel Area District Exchange needs children's winter jackets and snowpants for all ages. If you have some your kids or grandkids have outgrown, please consider donating them to the District Exchange at Bethel Park off Mason Street. Drop boxes are available in the Northeast Bank lobby and at Cafe DiCocoba or you can bring them to the Exchange.

Lorraine Larson celebrated her 80th birthday quietly at her home, Friday, Dec. 7. Those visiting the Larson home this past week were Pastor Justin Thacker of Praise Assembly of God, Owen and Debbie Brown, as well as three members of the Women's Ministry at Praise Assembly of God, Paula Kazarian, Laura Chesley, and Crystal Lake. Mt. Abram is scheduled to open for the season today, Dec. 20. They are among the many of us glad to see the recent dump of snow around here. Even if you don't participate in

snow-based activities, the snow makes the days seem brighter and Christmas needs that white stuff. It makes roof landings much better for Santa.

Snow also makes our houses warmer. Remember the old practice of banking snow around the house? Shovel the snow and toss it around the foundation of the house so it makes a bank all the way up to the bottom clapboards. Keep adding to it each time it snows because the banking shrinks with the heat from the foundation. It helps keep the drafts out. Back in the time of stone foundations like some of our older homes have, banking snow around the foundation was a key part of keeping the cold winds from blowing through the foundation gaps. I'm not sure how many people still bank their houses. I do and know a few other Greenwood folks who do. Energy saving but it is also another reason to be outside messing around in the snow - imagining we are kids once again.

Happy holidays one and all.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Good evening dear readers - its a cold night with temps of only 21 degrees here in the valley. Good night to cuddle and keep warm or add another blanket. Yogi and I attended the CNA graduating class of 2012 tonight at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Our future granddaughter, Kayla Paine, and her friend, Allyson Snow, were among the many who graduated. It was a great evening seeing these young students graduate and having new jobs to go to.

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It was nice getting to see many that I had not seen for months: Patty Snow, Keith Moxcey and family, Lester Wing and his wife, MaryAnn Fifield and Keith Swan, Jean Millett, Marsha Cummings, Donna Kusheba.

Condolences to the families of Joseph N. Roy, Joshua H. Wardwell, Debbie Saunders and John (Jack) S. Bray. Thoughts and prayers to each family member.

Due to the ice storm on Monday the band had to cancel playing for the residents in Rumford. We rescheduled another date, as we want to do our Christmas program for them.

Get well wishes are going out to my sister, Maxine Libby, also to Joyce Hathaway who is recovering from a bout of pneumonia and Kay Bond who is in rehab for a rotor cuff injury and surgery.

Get well wishes to all that are not feeling quite themselves these days.

The band has its first CD recording out. The recording session was great and it only took five hours to put it all on track. I recorded a song that was written by a good friend (Juanita Ford). I had the pleasure of co-writing this with her and Dell Parker worked with me on the melody.

It is being aired here in Maine and in other parts

of the country as well; we will be getting in more studio time for our second CD after the first of the year.

Visited with my niece, Myra Emery, of Waterford last Saturday afternoon. We had a nice visit and I also got to see my grand nephew Rick Emery, Jenn and children.

We are off to play Sandy River Rehab tomorrow for their Christmas program for the residents. And then Friday we are entertaining the Vets at the Veteran's Home for their Christmas program. So looking forward to seeing everyone before Christmas.

That's all from the valley this week - stay well.

From our house to yours we are wishing each of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS And Happy Birthday dear Jesus. YOU are the Reason for the Season!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



One day left till the end of the earth as we know it. At least that is according to

conspiracy experts who whine that the end of the Mayan calendar means we shall all die. SO off we go and we shall miss Christmas.

Hope nobody had big plans. Personally I do not believe in it. I have heard so many end-of-world theories that I do not believe in them. Just a skeptic.

Am slowly trying to heal. Brain still doesn't work well. I have forgotten how to spell. I also still have trouble seeing and

hearing. But I walked to the end of the road in the snow today and I haven't done that for a while. Of course, the ice was less slippery with its snow cover. We had at least 8 inches by 3 p.m. and then it kept snowing. Won't know until tomorrow night if it will keep snowing or turn to rain. That would be worse because then we would have ICE again. Get out the crampons.

Weather allowing on Thursday, the 20th, ACOA will meet at the Waterford Library. If weather is in doubt or for more information please call 739-9115. We will be starting the STEPS Workbook.

Thursday, the 20th at 6 p.m. at the Wilkins House in Waterford there will be a community supper. Bring a dish with your best supper to share. FMI please call 583-6677.

Monday, the 24th of December at 5 p.m. there will be a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at the North Waterford Church across from Melby's in North Waterford.

Saturday, the 29th, at 5 p.m. at Mt. Abram, there will be a full moon hike. Bring skis and boards and transportation for them will be provided and then ski or board down to Boot Loose Lounge. \$5 fee for transportation of backpacks and boot bags.

Hard to believe that Christmas will be here next week; seems like winter is just beginning. Actually it officially begins on Friday, the 21st, the day all ends. Nice to know we end on winter solstice. Happy solstice and happy endings. If we are still here, have a great week.

Backyard Reflections:

The Christmas Gift

By SARA WRIGHT

I have always loved Mourning Doves. Their poignant mating call, which begins in early February, is one of the most beautiful sounds in the world, at least for me. It heralds the promise of a coming spring. When I was a child I used to draw stylized doves by the hundreds and learned a lot about them through observing and reading.

Twenty five years ago I spent some time in Assisi, Italy and after having been serendipitously by doves from dawn to dusk, I decided I had to raise a pair myself. After doing some extensive research I settled on the imported African Collared Dove because it was similar to the Mourning Dove in appearance and behavior. The Collared or Ring Neck Dove was considered to be a "trash" bird by bird breeders; its only function was to sit on eggs laid by imported exotic birds. I was drawn to the idea of giving a "trash" bird a home.

When Lily arrived (21 years ago) I thought he was a female. When I realized my mistake it was too late to change his name, so I added "B" for "boy." We have always had an unusual relationship because it seems to me that Lily B can read my mind. He has a running commentary that he shares with me through his repository of songs. When I first had him, he slept in my bedroom and often seemed to be commenting on what I was thinking as I awakened from sleep or a dream. He bellowed with such gusto that I finally had to banish him from my room at night.

He is a handsome bird, having an almost lavender cast to his body, a dark ring around his neck and startlingly intense eyes, dark amber with a large beaded ebony iris.

Lily has spent most of his life flying freely through the house, though in the last few years he deferred to his most recent mate, Mary Anne, who refused to leave the cage (built into a wall of the bathroom) and became a caged bird himself.

Last year on the winter solstice, Mary Anne died suddenly. Lily was distraught and refused to eat. In desperation I set up his old basket on a hook in the living room that overlooks both forest and brook, and brought him out to perch on its edge.

I was afraid that I was going to lose him. His eyes were glazed, too big for his head; my poor bird was in shock and grieving for his dead companion. It was mid afternoon and my dog and I sat underneath him in a chair watching the gathering dusk turn to night. Lily made one mournful peep.

After dark I returned Lily B to his cage feeling quite desolate. I knew that finding him a new mate in time would be a challenge. I continued to check on him; the cage door remained open. It was unnerving to listen to the silence. I was so accustomed to Lily belting out one of his songs.

The next morning when I went out to feed my birds I was stunned by the crowd that confronted me: Mourning Doves, thick as seeds covered the ground. Where had they come from?

I normally had about six mourning doves that wintered over here. Now there were too many to count.

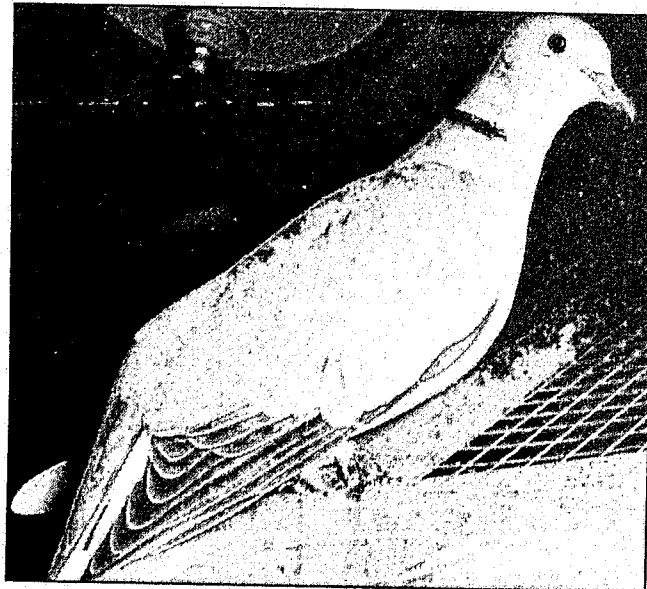
When I came back indoors I heard the fluttering of wings and watched as Lily flew out of his cage for the first time and landed on the top of the bathroom door. I walked into the living room, calling Lily to join me on his basket. As I approached the window I was stunned by what I saw. In one tree there must have been a hundred Mourning Doves sitting on the branches, and as I stood there astonished, two more clouds of doves descended into the graceful birch.

At that very moment Lily soared out of the bathroom, landed in his basket, his eyes riveted on the wild doves. He stared out and they stared in at him; this exchange lasted for about an hour.

When the Mourning Doves left, Lily sailed back into the bathroom and into his cage. Lowering his head and tipping his body upward tail first, he began belting out his mating call. After cooing madly for about 45 minutes, he leaped into his seed bowl to feed. Silently, I gave thanks to the multitude of Mourning Doves whose presence had saved my beloved bird.

A few days later, another African Collared Dove came to live with us. I named her Lucia, for "The Coming of the Light."

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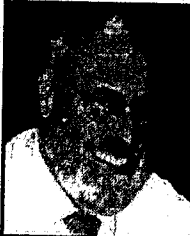
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REVIEWING HER LIST-Emilie Tyler was among the youngsters who turned out for the recent "Cookies with Santa" at the Woodstock Elementary School. The kids enjoyed cookies, cocoa and other refreshments. Here, Emilie shares her Christmas wishes with St. Nick.
(Photo: Tatum Brown)

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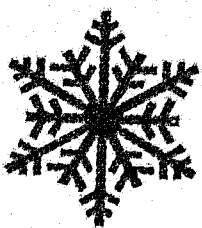


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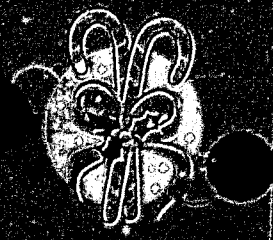
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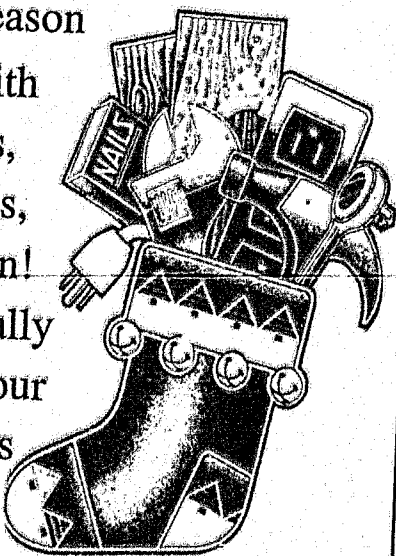
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Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



L a s t
Wednesday morning
Mona left in the car for a hair appointment while I was still in our bathroom, which is above part of the garage. I heard her drive out of the garage and the garage door opener begin to close, when I heard a loud "Bang," and then a clatter seemingly from the garage. I hurried downstairs to investigate; the car was disappearing down the driveway, and when I opened the kitchen door to the garage, nothing was obviously wrong, and the garage door was normally closed. I went back upstairs and finished brushing my teeth.

Later, I went back into the garage to take the Kubota out to do some logging. I opened the door in front of the tractor, and when I went to mount the tractor, I found a chunk of splintered 2x4 lying on the 3 point hitch. "Where in the world did that come from? I must have backed into something with the tractor!" Looking around the garage, I didn't see any broken 2x4s. Then I picked up the piece from the tractor and examined it. Aha! There was half a bolt hole remaining where the 2x4 had split. Finally, I looked up and saw that one of the vertical 2x4's supporting the rear end of the garage door track and the eye bolt holding one of the door springs was missing a large chunk of wood that looked strikingly like the piece on my tractor. Further examination revealed one of the garage door springs (about 2 feet long) lying on the floor behind the charcoal grill at the back of the garage. When I picked up the spring, the loop on one end was missing, and one end of the spring was covered by white sheetrock dust! Then I discovered the hole in the sheetrock where the spring had impacted the wall after shattering the support 2x4 on its way past when the spring flew by after the end broke off. It took the rest of the morning to get replace-

ment springs from Western Maine Supply and install them. They advise replacing both door springs whenever one of them must be replaced. I have decided to get some pieces of angle iron in order to better anchor the ends of the springs. I found that the new springs come with a length of steel cable with a loop on one end. The cable runs through the middle of the spring and is anchored at both ends to prevent the spring from flying away if it breaks in the future.

In other news, I recently noticed that Shiloh has an odd fascination with toothpicks! One evening I was using a toothpick to pick popcorn hulls out of my teeth after eating a bowl of popcorn. Shiloh came over and sat beside me at the table to watch. He edged closer to my side and began staring intently at every move of the toothpick with intense concentration, his yellow eyes narrowed and sparkling, his muzzle moving ever so slightly closer to my hand. He tried to grab the toothpick in his own teeth, which I resisted. I held the toothpick out for him to sniff it, thinking he would see that it wasn't food. No dice. For some reason he continued concentrating on the toothpick as long as I was using it! I wish I knew what he was thinking!

Steinway Series recital

By LORRIE HOEH

The snow started in earnest about midday on Sunday and kept right on falling, still falling on Monday afternoon.

Undiscouraged by the weather, however, a handful of music lovers attended a 3 p.m. Steinway Series Recital at Trustees Auditorium in the McLaughlin Science Center of Gould Academy.

They were richly rewarded by the performances of five young artists, all students of Naydene Bowder.

The program comprised music by Edvard Grieg and included both vocal and piano renditions. Artists were sisters

Rahwa, 13, and Merilla, 17, Michael, students at Waynflete School; Teresa Murphy, 16, a junior at Brunswick High School, whose playing and mezzo soprano voice both charmed the audience; Marcos Edgar, 13, an 8th grader at Lincoln Middle School in Portland; and Shu Jing Lian, 16, a junior at Gould Academy who performed an outstanding Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor. Shu just transferred to Gould this year and is taking advantage of the school's all-Steinway status.

If you missed Sunday's recital, all is not lost. Tonight, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m., Robert Poortinga, a veteran of the Music Without Borders series of the past six years, will present his "graduation program."

Robert completed his undergraduate studies with Tamara Poddubnaya at the Long Island Conservatory and received his diploma on Dec. 14. His performance will include Schumann's Fantasy in C Major, Opus 17, which is considered one of Schumann's greatest works for solo piano. Robert has many friends in Bethel and is bringing his parents here from the Netherlands for the occasion.

Bethel is fortunate to have the Steinway Series and Music Without Borders and the beautiful music they provide at no cost to attendees. We may live "at the back of beyond," but we have some secret advantages. Maybe we'll see you there tonight.

Presentation at Whitman Library

On Thursday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond, Arla Patch will speak about the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She has been serving on the Communications Subcommittee since last January and will share a powerpoint giving an historical overview and current goals.

Most Maine residents are not aware that there has been an intentional policy of assimilation of native peoples by the US government since the 1800s.

By stripping them of their culture, language, family and community, the avowed intention had been to "kill the Indian and save the man." Forced residential schooling and forced adoption/foster arrangements with non-Native families set in motion a chain of intergenerational losses, as children without a strong sense of self, community, and culture passed on their trauma to their children. These wounds and losses are still felt in Maine native communities today.

This Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) is being formed in Maine to discover the truth about the experiences of Wabanaki people with state child welfare programs, and to promote healing and lasting change for the children taken and their families.

All programs are free and open to the public.

Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Dec. 12 at the Bethel Inn for their meeting and Christmas party with 56 members and guests present. President Caroline Gould conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag and singing "God Bless America."

The next meeting will be Jan. 9, 2013, at the Bethel Methodist Church. Meeting will start at 11 a.m. This will be a potluck meal with members bringing a dish to share. The auction will also be held at this meeting, members will bring items for the auction.

The raffle was won by Rosabelle Tift and the door prize by Barbara Dion.

The following were voted in office for the coming year: President, Caroline Gould; Vice-president, Fran Head; Treasurer, Becky Keen; Assistant Treasurer, Barbara

Mahler; Secretary, Arlene Lowell; Assistant Secretary, Sandra Gunther.

Lise McLain made and donated necklaces which were won by the following: Doris Mills, Rhonda Mitchell, Beverly Tuttle and Carol Campbell.

Membership dues (\$3) are due at the January meeting. New members are always welcome.

Nancy Driscoll knit 50 pairs of mittens for the children at Crescent Park School.

The program was the Crescent Park Chorus and Band under the direction of Linda Stowell and Mr. Thidodeau. The Christmas carols were enjoyed by all.

Vice-President Fran Head handed out the schedule for 2013 subject to change.

December birthdays: Musa Brown, Caroline Gould, Alma Merrill and Mary Paine.

Primetime Ski Club news

The cold weather night work of the Sunday River Snow Factory, the Wizard of Winter, is really paying a big dividend for us skiers in their "prime" who are skiing now, at the ski area with the most dependable snow in New England - Sunday River. The number of Club members hitting the slopes has slowly increased over the week to occupy at least one long table in the Mahoosuc Room at 9 in the morning. The skiing has been wonderful; it's some of the best we'll see all year given the outstanding weather this past week, mornings and afternoons of sunshine and little wind. The trails that are currently open have some of the best corduroy seen in the North East right now.

The daily 10 a.m. Club meetings at the North Peak Lodge have not begun, as the Lodge is not yet open. However, Club members enjoyed their Season Opening Potluck Dinner which was hosted by the generosity of two local Club members.

An estimated third of the Club was in attendance.

The food was ample, varied and delicious as usual, a repast following a day of skiing for the lucky members there. It was really a grand time enjoyed by all.

The Prime Time Ski Club endorses the Sunday River's Go With The Flow safety program promoting the use of sound, personal judgment regarding speed and control when skiing and riding. Because "fast" skiing and riding may mean different things to different people, Go With The Flow reminds skiers and riders to be courteous and follow the pace of those around them. You will see green Go With The Flow banners on lift area signs and at key areas on the mountain. Go With The Flow focuses on three key messages:

-Be Aware - Pay attention to your surroundings.
-Respect Slow Zones - Slow down at orange signs and trail junctions.
-Follow The Pace - Faster than those around you is too fast.

Come and join us. See what we're about at www.primetimeskiclub.com.

The Primetime Ski Club is an independent ski and social club welcoming anyone 50 and over. They meet weekdays at 10 a.m. at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge to form daily ski groups based on ability, terrain, and social aspects.

Socrates Cafe

A Socrates Café gathering will be held at the Waterford Library on Monday, Jan. 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month.

The group offers a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere, where divergent views will be welcome. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

The topic for the January meeting will be "Does The Earth Have Rights?" The moderator is Jim Kearney.

For more information call 583-6957 or e-mail the library at wla@waterford.lib.me.us

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Culvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 7 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m.,

breakfast open to the public at no charge. For info or if you have a prayer request: Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational Church - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist Church - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave

Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awna Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9-10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd./Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastor Ray Mitchell. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. (summer) with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Sunday services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., (July and Aug. 9 a.m.) Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour

follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

RUMFORD

Pratse Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 986 Prospect Ave. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassembliesofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship-9:45 a.m.; Sunday School-11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study-7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school, 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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In the Bethel and River Valley areas, passports are available at Artistic Endeavors, Bonnema Pottery, Elements Art Gallery, Mahosuc Arts Council, Maine Mineral and Gem Museum, Bethel Inn, Good Food Store, Smokin' Good BBQ, River View Resort, Rooster's Roadhouse, Ruthie's Boutique, 49 Franklin, The Outlook Studio and True North.

In the Oxford Hills passports may be purchased at Celebration Barn, A Wrinkle in Thyme Farm, Brick Church for the Performing Arts, Denmark Arts Center, Frost Farm Gallery, Harvest Gold Jewelry Gallery, Painted Mermaid Gallery, Art Moves Dance Studio, 76 Pleasant Street, Books 'N' Things, Harvest Moon Produce, King's Hill Inn, Restaurant Maurice, Square Root Natural Foods and Tucker's Pub.

In southern Oxford County, passports can be purchased at Edge of Maine Art Gallery and Frame Shop, Gallery 302 Inc., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center at Fryeburg Academy and the Oxford House Inn.

In and near Franklin County passports are available from Skye Theater Performing Arts Center, Wilson Lake Inn, Art Institute for Western Maine, Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, Crossroads International Celtic Festival and the Kingfield Pops.



The Crescent Park Elementary School presented its Christmas Concert last week. Pictured here are members of the Fourth Grade Chorus. (Photo: Tatum Brown)



The Telstar High School Theater Department presented "Dashing Through the Snow" this past weekend. Pictured are, front: Anna Saucier. Middle: Gabrielle Stone, Liam Gallagher, Anneliese Smith, Nicholas Johnson and Anna Tyrina. Back: Aislinn Forbes, Katryna Kofton and Nancy Huston. (Photo: J. Artzzi)

Sports

High School Girls' J.V. Basketball

Monmouth 70, Telstar 32; Dec. 15-Scoring for the Rebels were Olivia York (2), Hayley Peterson (16), Annie Cushman (3), Jessie Kelly (2), Blair Stevens (4), and Dora Pilgrim (5). Telstar's next game will be at Mountain Valley on 12/27. - Coach Scott Haines

Carrabec 56, Telstar 39; Dec. 13-Telstar lost physical and hard fought game to Carrabec. The ladies played a very competitive game and showed great internal fortitude bringing the deficit down to 6 points at one point in the third quarter. The final score ended at Carrabec 56, Telstar 39. Scoring is as follows, Annie Cushman (12), Katie Merrill (5), Jessie Kelly (9), Dora Pilgrim (2), Maddie Prentice (1), Olivia York (3), Hayley Peterson (6), Blair Stevens (2). - Coach Scott Haines

High School Cross-country Skiing

Chisholm Chill/Billy Chenard Memorial 3K Trail Race at Black Mountain; Dec. 8-Girls: Gabi Stone was 2nd with a time of 13:39.1, Annalise Hawthorne was 5th with a time of 15:25.2. Rachael Wheeler was 10th with a time of 17:10.4. Pin Jintaporn was 13th with a time of 20:06.2. Boys: Greg Wheeler was 13th with a time of 13:18.2. Aaron Speakman was 18th with a time of 14:53.5 and Liam Gallagher was 23rd with a time of 16:13.8.

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Carrabec 46, Telstar 42; Dec. 12-Telstar lost a very exciting overtime game 46-42 to Carrabec. Jeremiah Richardson led the team with 10 points, while Avery Griffin and Jarrett Bean had 7 points each. The team is now 0-2 for the season, but has shown lots of improvements in many areas of the game.

TMS Girls' Varsity Basketball

Carrabec 23, Telstar 17; Dec. 12-Telstar lost another close game last night by six points. The girls played hard defensively. Caitlin Haines, Bailey Daniels, and Payton Abbot all had great defensive games. Tehya Johnson led all scoring with 6 points, and Caitlin Haines had 5. -Coach Josh Onorato



ATTRACTING A CROWD-Players from Telstar (in white) and Monmouth all focus on the ball at Saturday's varsity basketball matchup at Telstar. THS players are, from left: Savannah Pelletier, Cassandra Blaszcak, Haley Casco with the ball, and Maisey Griffin. Monmouth won, 69-23. (Photo: Tatum Brown)

Mt. Valley Rec League basketball

Archies of Mexico got into the win column with a convincing 91-51 win over the winless Thundercats in the finale of the day. Archies (1-2) have added a few new faces and have developed a competitive group. Lead scorers were Mike Holmquist with 28 points and 5 three pointers, Issac Roberts with 26, venerable Rich Allen and newcomer Joe Douglas with 13 each. The Thundercats were led by Brandon Milligan with 3 threes and Kenny Armstrong also with 9.

In game one, Hotel Rumford (3-0) overcame a 15-point first half deficit to methodically overtake a shocked LBI squad (2-1). LBI controlled most of the game with speed and athleticism, but the experience and court presence of Hotel Rumford slowly changed the momentum of the game in the second half. Hotel's top scorers were guards Chris Willer with 20 points, Craig Milledge with 17 points and Kevin Gallant with 16. LBI had Owen Jones 5 threes and 17 points, Chris Baxter with 15 points, Eric Canwell and JT Taylor with 10 points to lead their team.

In the middle game Bethel Bobcats (3-0) showed their strength and dominated Black Bear Industries (0-3) 85-60. In this physical game Bethel's big men made the difference on the boards and in the paint. They were led by center Matt Newell with 18 points, big man Ryan Kimball with 17 points, Sean Caddigan with 13 points and Wade Osgood and Matt Zetts with 10 each. BBI's Kevin Prevost and Myles Whitlock had 17 each, while Ryan Conrad chipped in with 11 points.

Sunday, Dec. 23, has Archies facing Black Bear Industries at 10 a.m. In game two at 11:30 LBI and The Thundercats are paired. The big game of the day at 1 p.m., have the undefeated Hotel Rumford and Bethel Bobcats playing for first-place supremacy.

Community Calendar

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel, Monday-Wednesday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

West Paris Baptist Church will foster wellness for anyone searching for faith-based support (grief, loss, addition, codependency, abuse issues). Meetings: Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments FMI: Terrence Eldridge (674-3205).

Master Gardener Volunteer training offered by University of Maine Cooperative Extension in 2013. Training will focus on fruit and vegetable production, composting, season extension, botany, soil science and pest management. Locations: Wednesday afternoons at Region 9 Technical School, Mexico and Thursday evenings at the South Paris Extension office. Class sizes limited. For an application, or more information, call (800) 287-1482, 743-6329 or visit <http://umaine.edu/oxford/programs/oxford-county-master-gardener-volunteers/>

Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit. Location: Second Thursday of every month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway.

Seasonal Public Skating, Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

Alzheimer's Support Group, Rumford Community Home, 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. Meetings held the third Wednesday of every month, 6 to 7:30 p.m. FMI: Sue Ellen Richardson or Terry Drury (364-7863)

West Paris Library: Closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 31. The library may be closed during severe winter weather. Please call ahead (674-2004) during questionable weather.

Newry Town Office: Closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Thursday, Dec. 20

6:30 p.m. - "Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate" presented by Kids Create Theater Company and Mahosuc Kids Association, Woodstock Elementary School. FMI: Julie Hart (824-7007) or Amanda (890-4160).

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Christmas Basket Pick Up, Park Street entrance, Bethel Nazarene Church. No appointment needed. FMI: Dave Bean (824-0369).

Friday, Dec. 21

7 p.m. - "Blue" Christmas service of scripture and candles at West Parish Congregational Church for those who need reassurance that the Christ Child comes especially to those who are feeling sad or lonely.

Saturday, Dec. 22

1 to 3 p.m. - Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides, Bethel Village.

Sunday, Dec. 23

5 p.m. - The Living Nativity, Bethel town common. View this scene performed by local people, and live animals.

7 p.m. - Festival of Lessons and Carols at West Bethel Union Church.

Monday, Dec. 24

5 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, North Waterford Church.

7 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, Bethel Alliance Church.

4 p.m.: Family service with drama, carols and bells, West Parish Congregational Church. Traditional service of "lessons and carols" with candlelight and chancel choir singing.

Saturday, Dec. 29

5 p.m. - Full Moon Hike, Mt. Abram. Transportation for your skis and boards provided. Enjoy the hike, and then ski/ride down to the Loose Boots Lounge for live music and great food. \$5 fee for transportation of backpacks and boot bags.

Monday, Dec. 31

8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. - New Year's Dance, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Music by the Jones Dance Band. Refreshments. Tickets: \$10. Reservations: Betty Decoteau (743-7965).

Monday, Jan. 7

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - A Socrates Café gathering, Waterford Library. Topic: Does the Earth Have Rights? Moderator: Jim Kearney. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. FMI: Call 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us

Wednesday, Jan. 9

11 a.m. - Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting, Bethel Methodist Church. This will be a potluck meal, please bring a dish to share. The auction will be held at this meeting. Members will bring items for the auction.

Monday, Jan. 21

6 p.m. - Class of '73 2013 Reunion Meeting, Market Square Restaurant, South Paris. FMI: Deven (527-2375)

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT CHRISTMAS CAROL DO PARENTS LOVE?

SISTER	TRIES	DENNIS	DINES
PRAISE	PEARS	EDIBLE	BLEED
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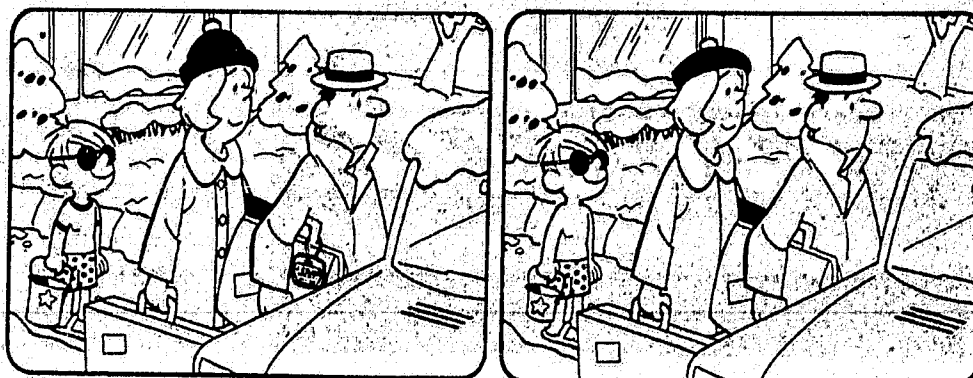
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Pall is smaller. 2. T-shirt is missing. 3. Hat is different. 4. Button strip is missing.
5. Tag is missing. 6. Less snow on car.

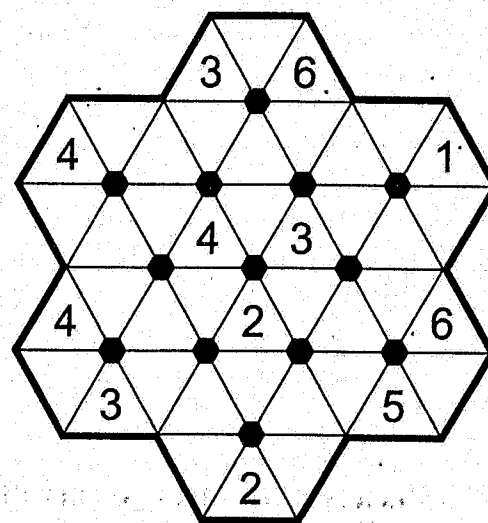
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

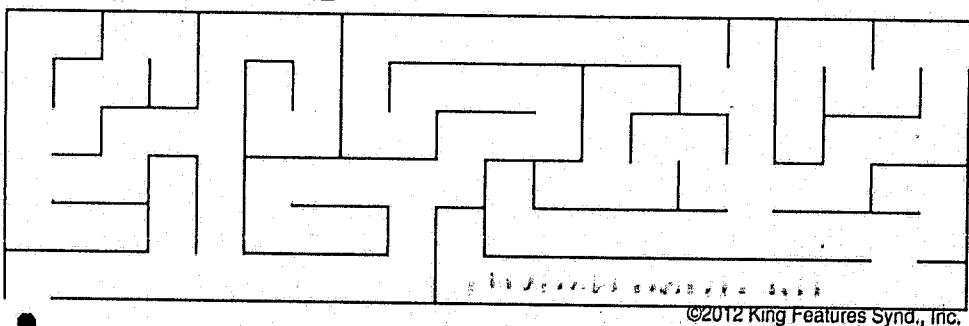
No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦ Easy ♦♦♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Kids' Maze



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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Lure
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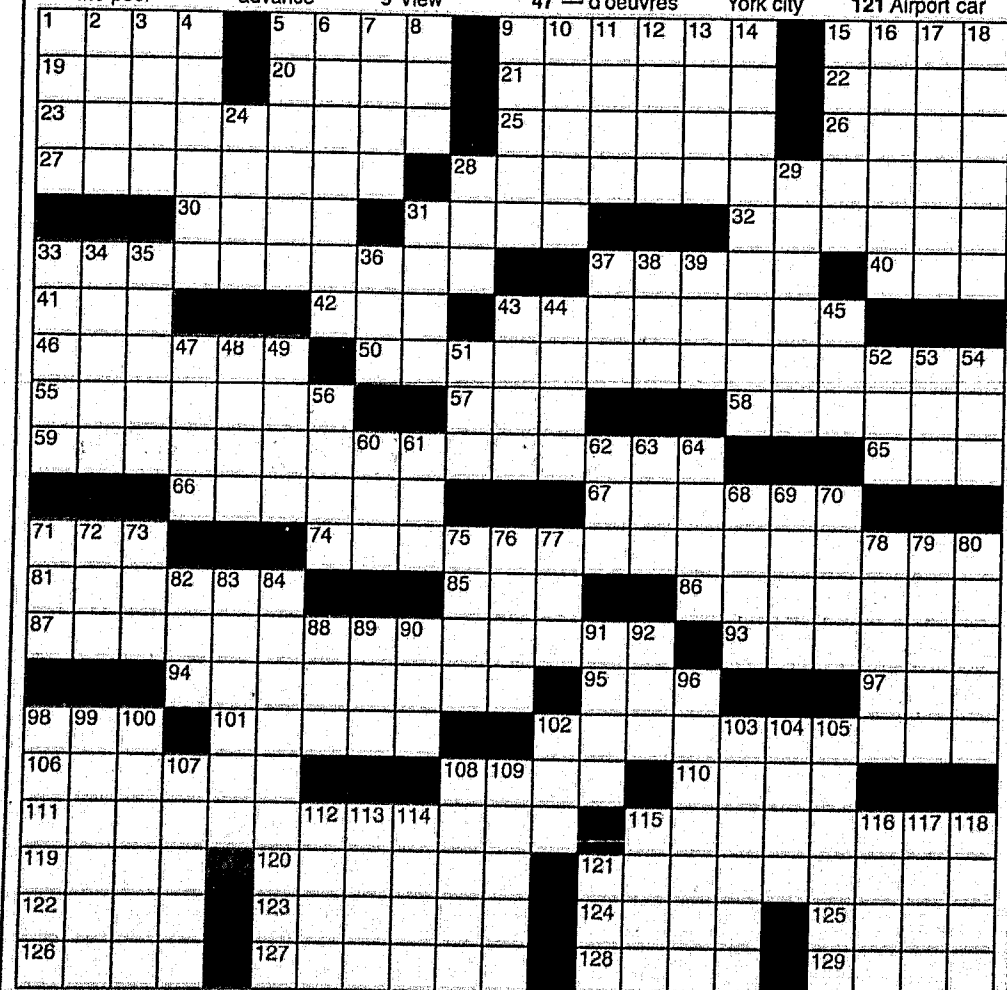
TODAY'S WORD

"I'm from the
collection agency!"

Super Crossword

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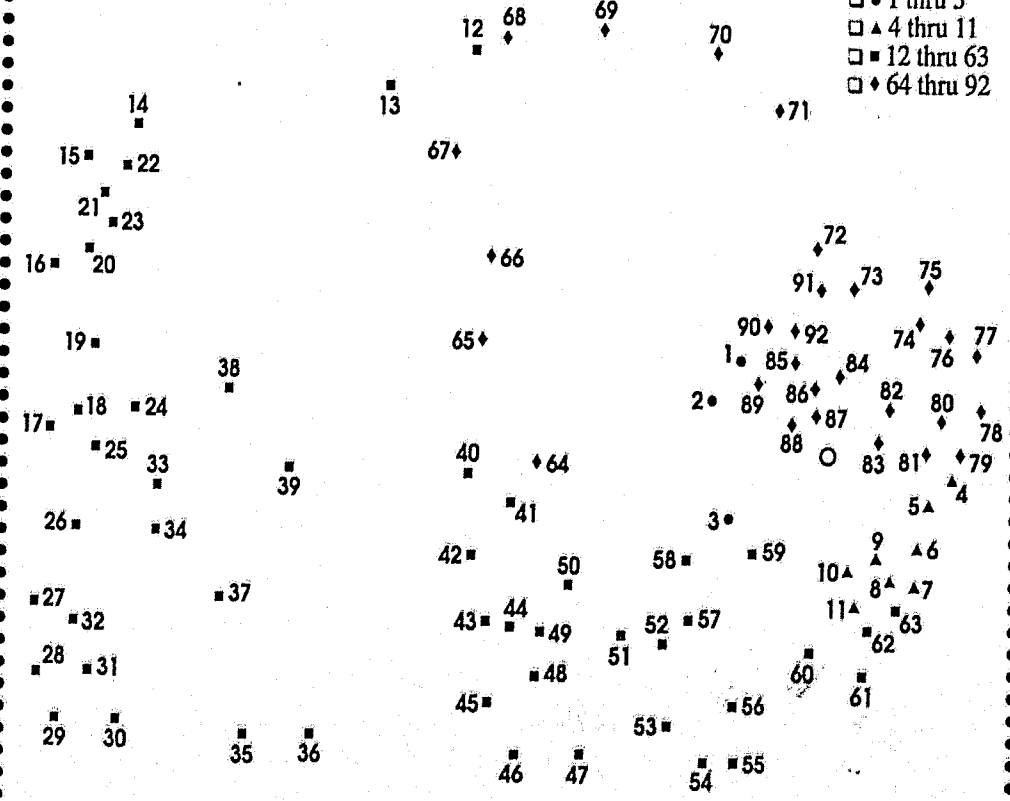
- ACROSS
- 1 Magical stick
 - 5 Shoots (for)
 - 9 Haila "Hi"
 - 15 Christmas verse opener
 - 19 Have — (freak out)
 - 20 G4 or G5 computer
 - 21 Honolulu's — Palace
 - 22 Wild West's Wyatt
 - 23 Shrub that's the source of brierroot
 - 25 Knots up
 - 26 Jazz great Fitzgerald
 - 27 Exposing bios
 - 28 Ben & Jerry's flavor
 - 30 Stripper St. Cyr
 - 31 Wee children
 - 32 Tennis, —?
 - 33 NASA's Spirit and Opportunity
 - 37 Wolflike carnivore
 - 40 "Life" actor Beatty
 - 41 From long —
 - 42 "Boy Blue" rock gp.
 - 43 Trained in the pool
 - 46 "Buenas —" (Juan's)
 - 50 Sun's selling
 - 55 See 51-Down
 - 57 Fair-hiring abbr.
 - 58 Ate away at
 - 59 College in Worcester
 - 65 McMahon and McBain
 - 66 Kenyan's neighbor
 - 67 Deadened
 - 71 "So that's your game!"
 - 74 Alternative to Barney's New York
 - 81 Renovate
 - 85 Motor City labor org.
 - 86 Lively, musically
 - 87 Beethoven's Ninth
 - 93 Actress Leachman
 - 94 Like the moon's surface
 - 95 Motorists' org.
 - 97 Roman 201
 - 98 "Ugly Betty" network
 - 101 Lumbering rock gp.
 - 102 Small, short-term cash advance
 - 106 Singer Jackson —
 - 108 "Tape" co-night)
 - 110 King Ahab's father
 - 111 Hills over graves
 - 115 Ceylon, now
 - 119 Harrow rival
 - 120 Well-drilling structure
 - 121 Theme of this puzzle
 - 122 Beach grains
 - 123 Actress Peet
 - 124 Iowa State's city
 - 125 "Eyes" (1975 hit for the Eagles)
 - 126 Murder
 - 127 Less sparse
 - 128 Ernie's bud
 - 129 Gas brand in Canada
 - 10 Wagner of baseball
 - 11 Actor Thicke
 - 12 Escapade
 - 13 Solely
 - 14 Handle
 - 15 Pint-size
 - 16 Small non-speaking role
 - 17 Dahl of "Sangaree"
 - 18 Neutered, as a pet
 - 24 Mane stuff
 - 28 Trig. ratio
 - 29 Even (with)
 - 31 "Star Trek: The Next Generation" counselor
 - 33 Wildly happy
 - 34 Score — (get points)
 - 35 Political satirist Mo
 - 36 Shady giant
 - 37 Bray ending
 - 38 Peruvian Sumac
 - 39 British Isle
 - 43 One of Hershey's
 - 121-Across
 - 44 Letters after exes
 - 45 — mo
 - 47 — d'oeuvres
 - 48 Fashion designer Marc
 - 49 Pond gunk
 - 51 With 55-Across, 1980s
 - 52 Lime drink
 - 53 Struck (out)
 - 54 QB's gains
 - 56 Santa — (hot winds)
 - 60 Org. for dockworkers
 - 61 Artist Muniz who's the subject of the documentary "Waste Land"
 - 62 Having a single flat, musically
 - 63 Egyptian boy Pharaoh
 - 64 Jewish youth org.
 - 68 French seat
 - 69 Diabolic
 - 70 Audition CD
 - 71 Tolkien fiend
 - 72 Chuckle bit
 - 73 — Jacto diet
 - 75 Apartment building VIP
 - 76 1982-2005 Saudi king
 - 77 — Jima
 - 78 Sleep: Prefix
 - 79 Central New York city
 - 80 Red dye
 - 82 Ellipse bit
 - 83 Yacht basin
 - 84 Jet capacity
 - 88 — Croix, Que.
 - 89 Slangy affirmative
 - 90 Chain-clad actor
 - 91 Tandoori flatbread
 - 92 "Hurrah!"
 - 96 One ornamenting
 - 98 Head nun
 - 99 Merciless
 - 100 Ring around the sun
 - 102 Fathers
 - 103 In the thick of
 - 104 Every 12 mos.
 - 105 Prone (to)
 - 107 Gust-filled
 - 108 Catty
 - 109 — Rice Burroughs
 - 112 Silent drama
 - 113 — Mills
 - Portrait Studios
 - 114 Big brewers
 - 115 "Ditto"
 - 116 Antis' calls
 - 117 Charlie's angel
 - 118 "It comes —"
 - 119 "It comes —"
 - 121 Airport car



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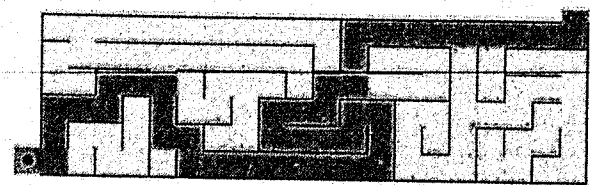
Sets

Stop your line after completing each set, then skip to the next set and start your line again.
□ • 1 thru 3
□ • 4 thru 11
□ • 12 thru 63
□ • 64 thru 92



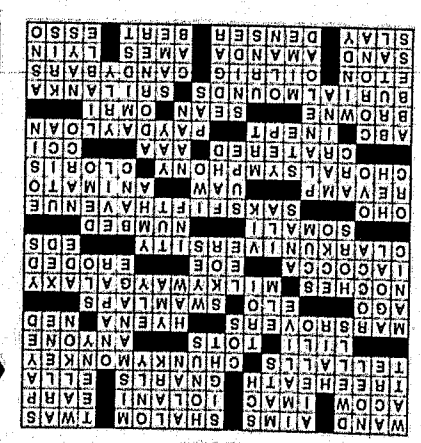
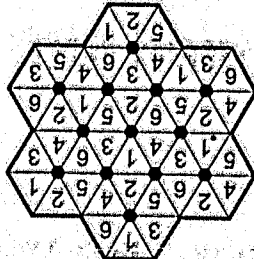
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Answers

Today's Word: Rambo

1. Brand 2. Report 3. Admire 4. Charm

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holiday GIFT GUIDE

HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS IN BETHEL FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2012 TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2012

Country Christmas in Bethel is weekends Thanksgiving to Christmas, with a few mid-week activities also. Local Craft & Wares Fair (Nov. 23), Breakfast with Santa, Greens Sale, Christmas Fair & Tea, Jingle Bell Run, arrival of Santa & Christmas tree lighting (Dec. 1), Saturday afternoon wagon rides through historic Bethel village, Santa Sunday at Sunday River (Dec. 2), open houses, shopping specials, holiday concerts, Living Nativity. All create a fun, country-Christmas atmosphere! FMI, call the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 824-2282.

PEGGY THE PINT SIZED PIRATE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012

6:30pm presented by Kids Create Theater Company and Mahosuc Kids Association, Woodstock Elementary School.
FMI: Julie Hart (824-7007) or Amanda (890-4160).

FREE HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2012

1-3pm Thank you to the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance for making these wagon rides possible for all to enjoy. Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm.

THE LIVING NATIVITY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2012

A live re-enactment of the nativity using real people and live animals is very inspiring! This event is held outside every year on the Bethel village common. Dress warmly and come to the Bethel town common on at 5:00pm. View this this scene performed by local people...and live animals. A Bethel tradition -- so sweet. Carols will be sung too and you may join in. Which local family will play Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus this year?

FREE HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2012

1-3pm Thank you to The Glen House / Sunday River Rentals for making these Sunday wagon rides possible for all to enjoy. Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm.

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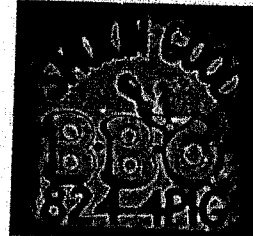
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RECIPES FOR SUCCESS: CREATE THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS DINNER

ROSEMARY ROAST CHICKEN

4 lb. roasting chicken
1 t. salt
¼ t. pepper
1 onion, quartered
8 cloves garlic, pressed
¼ cup fresh rosemary, chopped
¼ cup butter, melted

Place chicken in a greased large roasting pan; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place onion, garlic and rosemary inside chicken; brush butter over chicken. Bake, uncovered, at 400 degrees for 1-1/2 hours, basting occasionally with pan juices, until golden and juices run clear when pierced. Let stand for several minutes before carving. Serves 4 to 6.

HONEY WHEAT BREAD

½ cup honey
2 t. salt
2 envelopes active dry yeast
2 cups milk
½ cup butter, melted
2 eggs, beaten
4 ½ cups all-purpose flour
4 cups whole-wheat flour
Garnish: additional melted butter

Mix together honey, salt and yeast in a large bowl; set aside. Heat milk until very warm, about 120 to 130 degrees. Add milk to honey mixture along with remaining ingredients except garnish. Knead until a smooth, stretchy consistency is reached. Place in a greased bowl, cover and set in a warm place. Let rise until double, about 2 to 3 hours. Punch down; divide dough and form into 5 round loaves. Place loaves on lightly greased baking sheets, 2 to 3 per sheet. Let rise for one additional hour. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Brush tops of loaves with butter when done. Makes 5 loaves.

GOLDEN PARMESAN ROASTED POTATOES

¼ cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
¾ t. salt
1 ½ t. pepper
6 potatoes, peeled and cut into wedges
1 ½ cup butter, melted
Garnish: fresh parsley, chopped

Place flour, cheese, salt and pepper in a large plastic zipping bag; mix well. Add potato wedges; shake to coat. Pour butter into a 13"x9" baking pan, tilting to coat; arrange potatoes in pan. Bake, uncovered, at 375 degrees for one hour. Sprinkle with parsley. Serves 4 to 6.

FRESH CRANBERRY RELISH

12 oz. pkg. cranberries
2 apples, cored, peeled and quartered
2 pears, cored, peeled and quartered
2 oranges, peeled and sectioned
Optional:
1/2 cup coarsely chopped pecans
orange zest to taste
honey to taste

Coarsely chop the fruit with a food processor. Mix in nuts and orange zest; sweeten to taste with honey. Turn into a serving dish. Makes about 8 cups.

BROCCOLI-CHEDDAR CASSEROLE

2 10 oz. pkgs. frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
2 eggs
1 onion, chopped
10 ½ oz. can cream of celery soup
1 cup mayonnaise
1 ½ cups shredded Cheddar cheese
1 cup bread crumbs

Combine all ingredients, except bread crumbs, in a large mixing bowl; pour into a buttered 2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle bread crumbs over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until bubbly. Serves 4 to 6.

GINGERBREAD BROWNIES

1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
½ t. baking soda
¼ cup baking cocoa
1 t. ground ginger
1 t. cinnamon
1/2 t. ground cloves
¼ cup butter, melted and slightly cooled
1/3 cup molasses
2 eggs, beaten
Garnish: powdered sugar

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, cocoa and spices. In another bowl, combine butter, molasses and eggs. Add butter mixture to flour mixture, stirring until just combined. Spread in a greased 13"x9" baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Dust with powdered sugar. Cut into squares. Makes 2 dozen.

PEPPERMINT CANDY ICE CREAM PIE

1 ½ cups chocolate wafer crumbs
¼ cup plus 2 T. butter or margarine, melted
3 T. peppermint candy, finely crushed
1 pt. peppermint ice cream
8 oz. frozen whipped topping (partially thawed)
Additional peppermint candy, for garnish

Combine crumbs and melted butter; press firmly into a 9" pie plate. Combine peppermint ice cream and whipped topping; spoon into crumb crust. Sprinkle with peppermint candy; freeze until firm. Garnish with peppermint candy, if desired. Makes 1 9" pie.

RAINBOW PUNCH

6 oz. pkg. cherry gelatin
12 oz. can frozen lemonade
12 oz. can frozen orange juice
46 oz. can pineapple juice
2-ltr. bottle lemon-lime carbonated soda

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From the Director

Mahoosuc Kids has had two semester long programs end this week. Congratulations to our LEGO team which has been meeting since September and competed at the Augusta Civic Center on December 8th. Many thanks to our two coaches, Marie Keane and Eric Boyle-Wight who guided the students through the many aspects of the competition.

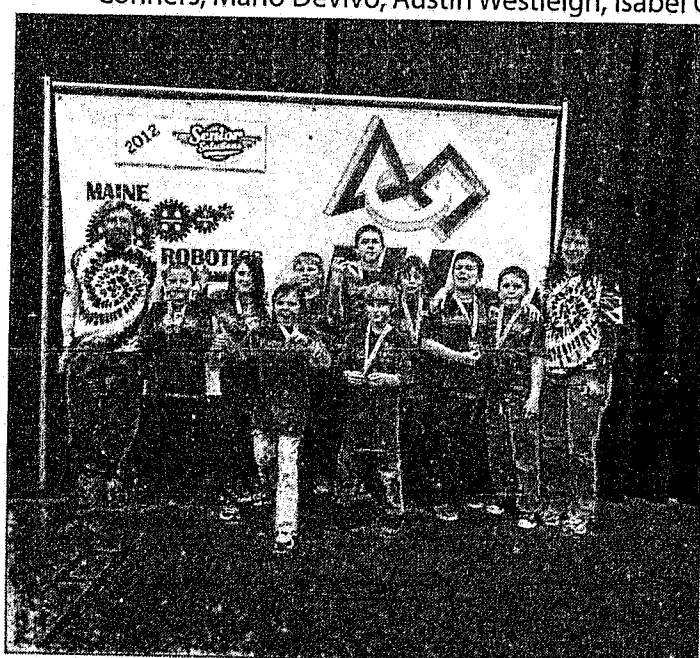
The MKA Theater students presented for the CPS students and family "Holka Polka" on Friday with 20 students participating and Isabel Chase as the student director. This week the WES students and families will get the opportunity to see "Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate" with student director Ella Kellogg and 9 students participating. Thanks to Amanda Jordan for an outstanding fall of theater for our students.

All of us at Mahoosuc Kids would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our community for another wonderful year of support for our programs and for helping us try to make after-school a fun and safe place to learn and grow. Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday season with family and friends. Happy New Year.

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



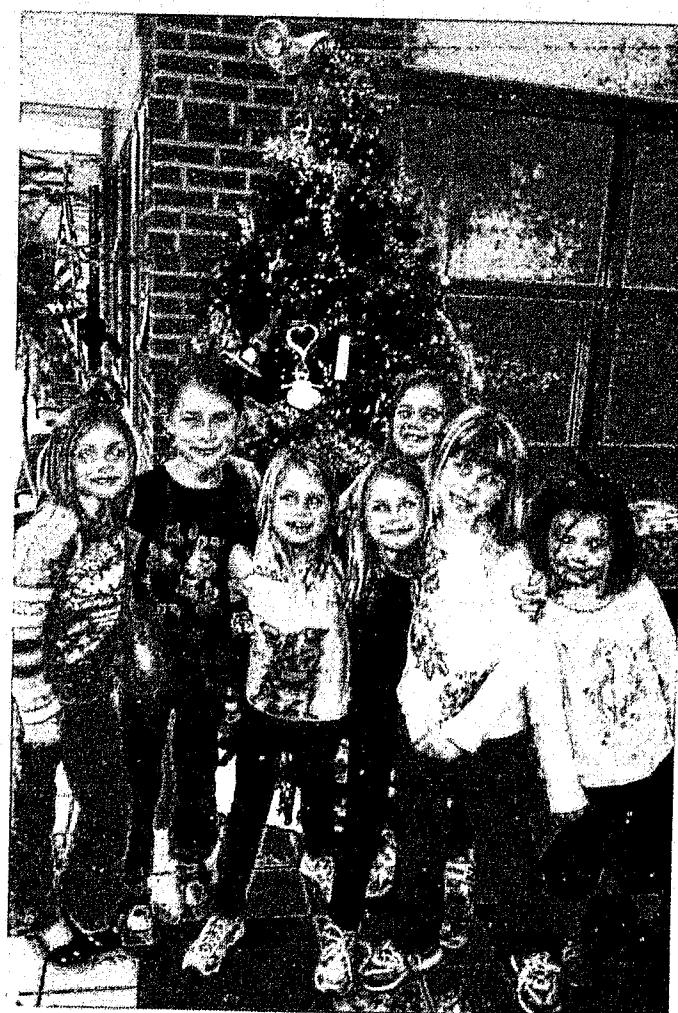
We were asked, along with other programs all over the country, by the New Jersey afterschool network to send pictures to the New Jersey Network in support of their afterschool programs. Many were devastated by SANDY. Pictured are Madison Beaudoin, Cameron Pecunies, Boden Cyr, Alex Chase, Lucas Barstow, Gianna DeVivo, Harrison Kimball, Samantha Beaudoin, Ben Beckermen, Jacky Tse, Adeline Charette, Odessa Files, Isabella Conners, Mario Devivo, Austin Westleigh, Isabel Chase, Darrin LeClair.



2012 Lego team:
L - to - R - Coach Eric Boyle-Wight, Trey Meader, Chaia Alford, Dylan Greenberg, Charles Hodge, Ben Alford, Alex Baribeau, Gaelan Boyle-Wight, Jack Mallory, Max Ochtera, and Coach Marie Keane.



Gaelan with the trophy - 1st place for table clearing!



Decorating the CPS tree: Samantha Beaudoin, Eleanor Hoff, Emily Wallace, Heidi Wallace, Makenzie Eliot, Odessa Files, Madison Beaudoin



Holiday Baking: Mario DeVivo, Dante Maravel, Logan Martin



WES Jersey Strong: Front Row: Karen, Cameron, Lily, and Savannah. Middle: Cheyenne, Grady, and Colby. Back: Hiram, Racheal, Morgan, and Ella.



Logan Martin decorating the CPS tree.



Jersey Strong: Hiram Towle and Racheal MacKillop.



Lego League team members Chaia and Gaelan.



Lego League team members Trey, Ben and Gaelan.



Eleanor Hoff decorating the CPS tree.

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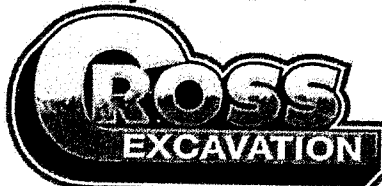
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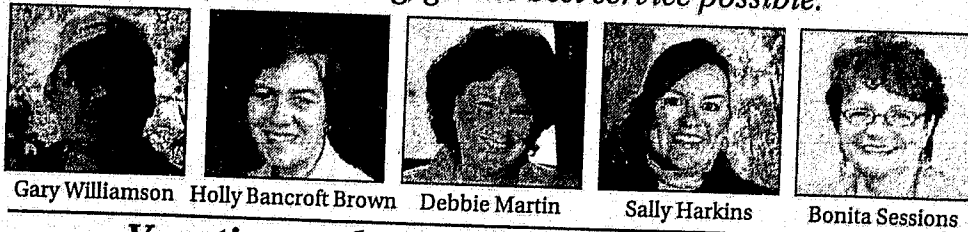
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 A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Department in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.
 The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in Portland during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Greenwood, Maine.
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ANDREA ANTON

Andrea Anton passed away on Dec. 12, 2012, at the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice in Auburn after a long illness. She was surrounded by friends and family and will be dearly missed.

Drea was born March 11, 1949, and grew up in Cape Elizabeth with her parents, two sisters and brother. She attended Cape Elizabeth High School and graduated from the McDuffie School in 1968.

Drea was a strong, beautiful and independent woman who engaged in a variety of careers. Her innate talents and intelligence enabled her to learn new jobs and tasks with ease. She had an incredible, natural flair for all things domestic. She was a gourmet cook and wonderful decorator. She loved the outdoors and gardening and her farm in western Maine gave her great solace and enjoyment. She enjoyed kayaking and fishing on the many lakes in the area. She was also incredibly strong and split and stacked her own firewood.

Drea was devoted to her family and friends. She provided care for both her mother and late father until her health issues became severe. When family or friends needed anything, Drea was the first one there to help. She gave of herself tirelessly and with great love and empathy. She was the first to offer support in times

of need, encouragement to those in times of self-doubt, and was always ready to celebrate with others their achievements in life.

Although Drea had no children of her own, her nieces, nephew and grand nieces and nephews were her pride and joy. She loved these children as her own and got great joy from each of them. She was a wonderful, fun-loving, incredibly generous aunt who was always ready to play with them and entertain them. In the summer-time, the entire clan would converge at her farm for fun, food, laughter and stories. It would be chaotic, but Drea loved it and looked forward to each summer's gatherings.

In addition to a large extended family, Drea had many dear friends from a variety of circles. She had friends from childhood, from her time in Georgia and from the variety of her careers. These were wonderful, true friends who confided and supported each other and laughed and cried together. It was the support of these friends and her long-time companion, Larry Hogan, that enabled her to spend her last weeks at her farm with her beloved dog, Chili.

Drea is survived by her mother, Jean Taylor Cardwell Anton of Greenwood, Maine; her sister Dr. Constance Anton Price and her husband Greg of Emmitsburg, Md.; her brother, Eric and his wife Elizabeth and their children Eric Taylor Anton and Marilyn Louise Anton of Falmouth; and nieces Alexandra Barker, Olivia Barker, Pamela Shockey and their respective spouses and children. Drea also has many cousins from both sides of her family and two surviving uncles. She was predeceased by her sister Stephanie in 1994 and her father in October of 2012.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday,

The Telstar Class of 2013

would like to thank all who participated in our Kindle Fire HD raffle.

We would also like to congratulate Kelly Barlow on being the lucky winner!

Dec. 21, at the Hobbs Funeral Home, 230 Cottage Road, South Portland. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery, Cape Elizabeth.

Donations in her memory and honor can be made to the Stephanie Anton Memorial Scholarship Fund, Zuni Public School District, P.O. Drawer A, Zuni New Mexico, 87327 or Androscoggin Home Health Care and Hospice, 15 Strawberry Avenue, Lewiston, Maine 04240



BRADLEY R. BARKER

Bradley R. Barker, 70, of Bethel, passed away Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at home, with his family by his side.

He was born in Norway on March 31, 1942, the son of LeRoy and Beatrice Edwards Barker. He attended school in Norway and graduated in 1960 from Gould Academy. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

On Aug. 17, 1962, he married Judith Currier. Brad worked for Central Maine Power for 19 years, first as a lineman in Lewiston, and then as town representative for Bethel.

In 1977, he started Bethel Auto Sales, which he and his wife owned and operated until 1995. He also served as a town selectman for Bethel for several years.

Brad enjoyed going to auto auctions and spending time with family at his camp on Norway Lake.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Judy, of Bethel; four children, Dennis and wife Jan of Hebron, Donald and wife Dawn of Kingston, N.H., Deborah Reed of South Paris and Daniel Barker of Auburn; eight granddaughters, Desneige, Darcy, Lauren, Destiny, Rachel, Danielle, Emily and Bethany; and his loyal dog, Cody.

He was predeceased by his parents. A funeral service was held Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, Bethel.

Online condolences may

be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.



JAMES H. BODWELL

James H. Bodwell, 82, of Andover, Maine, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012 at his home following a brief illness.

He was born on May 28, 1930 a son of the late Ira and Marion (Robinson) Bodwell. He grew up in the Andover area and attended Andover schools. He was a graduate of Andover High School, Class of 1948. He studied math and physics at the University of Maine at Farmington and was on active duty in the Marine Corp from 1952-1954. He also served in the Marine Reserves until 1960.

James received a degree in Radio and Television Technology in 1956. In 1958, he began work at IBM corporation and was known as "the computer guy." He stayed with IBM for 38 years. James was a statewide customer engineer and went to all of the mills, factories and hospitals that had IBM computers. He was also involved with the Telstar Satellite Station in Andover. Also in 1958, James met Elizabeth A. Driscoll at Bath Iron Works and they became married on June 25, 1960. They moved back to Andover in 1962.

James enjoyed ski jumping, cross-country skiing, golf, hunting and was a big Red Sox and New England Patriots fan. James was very active in the Pineland Ski Club and Bill Koch ski meets. He also enjoyed his time spent being a coach and umpire for multiple baseball games. He is survived by two children, Richard J. Bodwell of New Hampshire and Deborah Bodwell Travers of Turner; four grandsons, Justin, Luke, Zack and Jimmy; a brother, Paul and Sally of Bethel; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Neal; sister-in-law, Jean; his baby brother, Raymond; and 3 months ago

lost his beloved wife Elizabeth of 52 years.

The family wishes to send a special thanks to Xandy Morton. "You truly are a shining star."

Family and friends are welcomed to share their thoughts and memories of James by visiting his online guestbook at www.thefortgroupauburn.com.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. at the Calvary Bible Church, 1063 South Main Street (Route 5) in Andover. Committal services will commence in the spring at Woodlawn Cemetery in Andover. Those wishing, in lieu of flowers, may send sympathy cards to: The Bodwell Family, PO Box 255, Andover, ME 04216.



FRANKLIN D. GAMMON

Franklin D. Gammon, 67, of Andover, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, at the Rumford Hospital, Rumford, Maine. He was a resident of Andover, Maine.

Born in Rumford, Maine on May 11, 1945, he was a son of Ira and Mary (Lufkin) Gammon, Sr. He attended local schools. He owned and operated F.D. Gammon and Sons Logging.

He enjoyed pulling Oxen at Agricultural fairs. He represented Maine in the International Ox Pulling Competition where he won first prize. He enjoyed watching Westerns on TV, dancing, and taking rides with his daughter Chris for a coffee. In 2003 he started a herd of Buffalo.

Survivors include two sons, Adam and his wife Stephanie of Rumford and their children Tanna, Adam, Mariya and Carl; Stacy and his wife Cindy of Andover and their children Lacey, Lauren and Lisa; daughters, Emily Bodemer and her husband Dennis of Rockwood and their children Coleman and Logan; Christina Gammon and her companion Mark McCollough of Rumford and daughter Summer; two great-grandchildren, Brooke and MacKenzie; two sisters, Mary Bailey of Andover and Marilyn White of Andover; a brother Clifford Gammon of Peru. He was predeceased by siblings Warren, Milan, Chester and Ira Jr., Gammon, Mar-

ion Gordon, Elaine Akers, June Hutchins; half sisters, Arlene and Phyllis and a half brother, Ted.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meadrandson.com.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford, Maine with Pastor Ken Wagstaff officiating. Interment in the spring will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Andover. Those who desire may contribute to Santa's Helpers, Roxbury Road, Mexico, ME 04257 in his memory.



ROBERT E. LORD

Robert Edward Lord, 74, of Ludlow, Illinois, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at the Illinois Knights Templar Nursing Home, Paxton, IL.

Mr. Lord was born in Rumford, Maine on Oct. 5, 1938. He was the son of Robert Merton and Ruth (Bennett) Lord. He grew up in Bethel, Maine, and graduated from Gould Academy.

He met his wife, Donna, while stationed at Chant Air Force Base and they married March 29, 1964 and were blessed with 4 sons and 14 grandchildren.

Mr. Lord served his country in the Air Force for 8 years. He worked at Kraft Foods for 17 years, and was a piano tuner for 30 years. He farmed in the Ludlow area for 36 years. He was a member of the Christian Life Church and was a musician on the praise and worship team for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Donna J (Bluhm) Lord of Ludlow, 4 sons, Duane (Cindy) Lord of Bluford, IL; Christopher (Juli) Lord of Hiddenite, N.C.; Michael (Shauna) Lord of Fredericksburg, Va.; Robert T (Trina) Lord of Hattiesburg, Miss., and 14 grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, Linda Johnson of Middletown, Conn., and a sister-in-law, Joyce Wright of Plaistow, N.H.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother and a brother, Laurice M. Lord.

Memorials may be made to Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry or the Parkinson Research Fund.

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Woodstock Residents

Town Meeting Warrant

Any Woodstock Resident wishing to have an article placed on the 2013 Town Meeting Warrant agenda should submit it to the Selectmen on or before January 15, 2013 as set by town vote.

Snow Plowing

Please remember that according to Maine State Law Title 29 section 2396 item 4, A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses for 2013 are now available at the Woodstock Town Office. Dogs that are six months or older, or within 10 of ownership, must now be licensed.

License fees are	\$6.00 neutered/spayed
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A late fee of \$ 25.00 will be charged starting on February 1, 2013.

Nomination papers

Nomination papers will be available at the Woodstock Town Office on December 31 for any Woodstock Resident interested in running for the office of Selectmen, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor or the office of MSAD #44 School Board Director.

Not less than 25, nor more than 100, signatures of registered Woodstock voters are required to file nomination papers at the Town Clerk's Office. Completed nomination papers are due at the Town Office on February 8, 2013, which is the required 45 days before the Annual Town Meeting.

This procedure was adopted by the voters at the 2009 Woodstock Annual Town Meeting, to become effective with the March 29, 2010 Woodstock Annual Town Meeting.

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